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# Months early, and they're off: Major and Blair trade election blows on tax

### **By Anthony Bevins**

John Major has accused Tony Blair of planning to slap an extra 10p in the pound tax on the lowest-paid, as both parties traded the first blows in what has already become, in effect, the 1997 election campaign.

The Torics are determined to paint Labour once again as the tax-and-spend party - remobilising the highly damaging "tax bombshell" scare of 1992 which was followed by post-election Conservative tax increases.

The speed and thoroughness with which the Tory machine vesterday pounced on Labour's long-term proposal for a 10p starting rate of tax put an end to any presence that both sides are engaged in a phoney, pre-election skirmish. At the beginning of the week, Mr Major launched a savagely derisive attack on another key Labour policy. Scottish devolution.

Today, the assault continues with yet another hustings press conference on tax, this time from the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. The momentum is likely to be kept up even if the election itself does not come until next spring.

Opening yesterday's campaign with a Labour conference to woo the business community. Mr Blair offered a new partiership and new opportu from Labour.

As evidence of "New Labour's" new approach, Mr Blair said there would be "no return to penal tax rates", adding: "It is our long-term objective to reduce high marginal

rates for low-income families." Spelling out the commitment, shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, wrote in a glossy prospectus for business that Labour eventually wanted "a new lower starting-rate of tax of 15 pence, or preferably 10

Mr Major immediately broke into a campaign tour of Buxton. Derbyshire, to say: "The day the tax, and he suspected that what doing, I think their claims will

pence in the pound."



Hastening the hustings: John Major and Tony Blair, among others, wooing voters in what has already become the 1997 election campaign

not before." Labour was playing a classic public relations trick, he said. Each year, Conservative chancellors raised the threshold at which low-paid employees paid

Labour Party become tax-cut- Labour planned to do instead ters you will hear cats bank, and was to impose the new 10p rate on those people.

"They will say they are cut-ting and reducing taxes and the reality is they are increasing taxes, and until we have crystal clear details of what they will be

be greeted with some hilarity." A spokesman for Mr Brown's office dismissed his comment, saying: "That's mad: it's a gross distortion of the truth. It is the Conservative Government which has seen taxes rise, and millions more people brought

"What we want to do is to reduce the rate at which people start to pay tax, so that we can tackle the penal tax and bene-fit rates which are keeping people out of employment at the

moment. Treasury Ministers replied that Labour's plans would cost

£8bn. But the Chancellor blundered on to the scene with a television soundbite in which he confused the narrow-band starting rate Labour is proposing with the mainstream standard

rate of 24p in the pound. Mr Clarke said: The electorate are more sensible than

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their politicians, they're more sensible than their journalists. and the electorate know that simply to try to outbid us by saying everybody's going to have a 10n standard rate costs billions and billions of pounds, which will wreck the enterprise economy in this country.

Conservative Central Office issued a transcript of a lunchtime BBC radio interview with Mr Brown, in which he was challenged on the Tory costing of

He said the figure had been 'plucked out of the air" - but he could not provide an alternative figure as it depended on the thresbold and width of the new tax-band, neither of which had been decided.

Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said: The astonishing admission that the Labour Party cannot put a price on the cost of their 10p tax band demonstrates that Labour cannot be trusted on

Labour's shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, Alistair Dar-ling, replied: "The Tories lied about Labour's proposals at the last election and they are lying again today. The Tories are the party of broken promises and lies about taxes. It is the Tories that have imposed 22 tax rises since 1992, the largest tax rises in peacetime history.'

As for Labour's actual proposal, the party has already said that it is aimed at the lowpaid who currently suffer tax and benefit penalties - an effective marginal tax-rate - that can take every penny of any extra pound earned.

The latest tax-benefit tables Social Security show that a married couple with two children, with one partner earning £140 a week in full-time employment, would only get £1.50 more a week from a £50 pay rise. The marginal deduction rate of tax and benefit is 97p in the pound on every extra pound

Labour is promising that its eventual 10p starting-rate of tax would be combined with action on the benefit "taper" - ensuring the tax cut was not clawed back through the benefit system. Labour PR jamboree, page 2

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# Clinton says missile attacks have taught Saddam a lesson

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

President Bill Clinton said vesterday that the US had achieved its mission in Iraq, after Washington launched a new wave of

Saddam Hussein now knows there is a price to be paid for stepping over the line". the President said. "He is strategically worse off." He said that Iraqi forces had withdrawn from the north of the country. where they had been involved in factional fighting between Kurdish groups.

Despite criticism from its Guif war allies, Washington yesterday stepped up the pres-sure on President Saddam. The day began with new cruise missile strikes, and ended with reports of explosions in Baghdad and anti-aircraft fire. The Pen-

volved in operations over Baghdad, which is outside the zone patrolled by US aircraft. But earlier, the US had

ressed home its initial assault when 17 cruise missiles were fired from four ships at command and control targets and air defence facilities, the US said. The attacks were aimed at clearing up targets unscathed by Tuesday's larger-scale attack. We have successfully com-

pleted the mission to attack the air defence facilities - a total of 14 air defence facilities - south of the 33rd parallel," Defense Secretary William Perry said at joint news conference in Washington with his British counterpart Michael Portillo. As the dust cleared from that operation, the US began patrolling the new extended



esident Clinton: Price to be paid for stepping over the line

in southern Iraq. A Western military source said Iraq flew some 30 planes from the south shortly before the enforcement of the extended no-fly 20ne. no-fly zone that it has declared But as allied planes began to

tacked a hostile radar unit. Details of the incident, confirmed by White House officials, were sketchy, but the F-16 fired one missile after it had been locked on, or "illuminated" by the radar, attached to a mobile anti-aircraft missile unit. After the attack, the Pentagon claimed, the unit was "no longer operational", while the American warplane returned to base

in Saudi Arabia unscathed.

More important, however,

the clash bore out warnings from US officials that in spite of misgivings among members of the 1991 Gulf war coalition, the US was ready to carry outfurther strikes to ensure the safety of its aircraft in the enlarged zone - which now stretches to the 33rd parallel, almost to the southern suburbs of Baghdad. We will take "whatever action

patrol, a US F-16 fighter at- is necessary", Mr Perry said after the latest skirmishing.

And the mixture is combustible, as President Saddam responds by seeking to establish how far Washington will go to enforce a limitation which deprives him of the use of his air force in the entire southern half of the country. Just before the radar incident, two Iraqi MiGs also approached US aircraft but turned back before crossing

the 33rd parallel. The US actions have stirred deep misgivings among some of its partners, with France reportedly refusing to patrol the w section of the no-fly zone. But Mr Clinton denied there was any friction over the operation, and said the Gulf war coalition remained solid - or at least alive. "I don't think it's dead," the President said.

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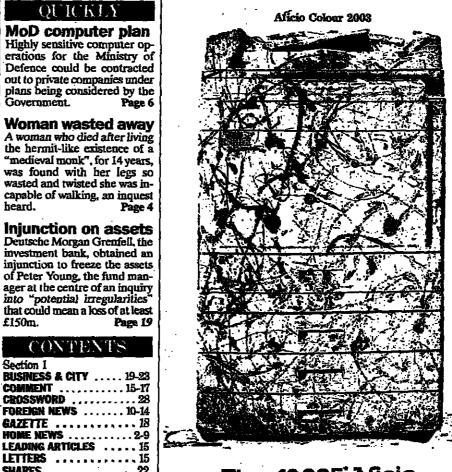
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Yesterday was a bad day for (2859,433.1). Listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest-known prime number, it has been knocked into numerical obscurity by (21.257.787\_1), a monster of 378,632 digits which has been proven prime by a computer at Cray Research, Wisconsin, It would take about 12 pages of this newspaper to print out the number in full. The old record-holder would have run out after about nine pages. Prime numbers - those that

other than one and themselves - have fascinated mathematicians for more than 2,000 years. Euclid provided the first simple proof that there is an infinity of primes. (If not, just multiply them all together and add one. The resulting number is either itself prime or has a prime di-

visor different from those you started with. QED.) For the last 100 years, we have even known roughly how many prime numbers there are below any given figure. (This is higher almost every year.

1896.) Yet despite knowing there is no largest prime, people have continued searching for ever larger ones. In 1772, the record was held

by a 10-digit number; by 1884, it had been raised to 20 digits, but the real acceleration began in the computer age. In 1971, months of computer calculations led to the discovery of a 6,002-digit prime, and in the 1980s and 90s Cray computers have been pushing the record

ture test" for supercomputers. Others might call it a waste of time. Recently, however, the task of factorising large numbers has had important applications in computer security.

We had intended to print the new top prime in full, but - perhaps for reasons of security - the people at Cray have not divulged all its digits. Of course, you can work it out yourself: just take 1,257,787 twos, multiply them together and subtract one from the answer.

# Minister warns on Islamic rally significant shorts

**LOUISE JURY** 

The Home Office yesterday warned the organisers of an Islamic fundamentalist rally planned for this weekend that any speeches inciting terrorism or vi- ecution," he said. olence will not be tolerated.

In an usual and stronglyworded warning. Tom Sackville, the Home Office minister, said he was concerned about the Rally For Islamic Revival due to take place in the London fine. Arena in Docklands.

Amid fears that the event will be used by some to advocate Islamic revolution, he said the Government would "ensure upheld".

"This rally will be monitored. and anyone who breaks the law, whether by their statements or actions, will face pros-

Incitement to racial hatred carries a maximum sentence at crown court of two years in jail aud or an unlimited fine, and in a magistrates court of six months in jail and/or a £5,000

Egypt and Algeria are among ban the 1996 International Is- security". lamic Conference which is ex-

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dominating the world. The organisers, who claim to cleric imprisoned over Amerihave received threats to bomb ca's World Trade Centre bombthe 12,000-seat arena and ing, and Osama Bin Laden, a against themselves, advocate Saudi national who has called revolution to overthrow Middle for a holy war against American East governments they consid- troops in Saudi Arabia. er to be corrupt.

that fears centred on three condemns any support for terpeople who have been exclud- rorism or calls for violence of ed from Britain on the grounds that their presence here would "The UK is second to none the countries that have put that their presence here would pressure on the Government to "not be conducive to national in its determination to light ter-

They were named as Sheikh

that the law in this country is pected to draw thousands of Mohammed Hussein Fadlad- have expressed their concern Muslims", said the messages Muslims to discuss the way for- dah, spiritual leader of Leb- about plans for an Islamic group to hold a so-called Rai-Rahman, the blind Egyptian ly for Revival in London on 8 The rally organisers insisted

> Mr Sackville said: "The The Home Office confirmed British Government strongly

> > rorism wherever it occurs, and whatever its purpose. Ministers

er means.

no one would break any laws. Sheikh Omar Bakri Muhammad said they had decided to withdraw the three most controversial messages from Mo-hammed Hussein Fadlallah. Osama Bin Laden and Omar Abdul-Rahman so there was "no legal excuse" for anyone to

stop the rally going ahead. The sheikh, who comes from the group Al-Muhajiroun, the cussed arrangements with the "voice, the eyes, the ears of the

were being distributed through the Muslim community by oth-

"We have had tremendous pressures from different directions - from the Government, from the Muslim community, even, for the security of the Muslim brothers who are coming to the conference. We decided we didn't want to show

A Scotland Yard spokesman would say only that the police was aware of the event and, as a matter of routine, had dis-

Distribution of Thickhead, the latest "alcopop", was suspended by Carlsberg-Tetley last night. The move is pending a repackaging of the drink. The brewer also cancelled all advertising because it was "sufficiently concerned" that underage drinking might be encouraged. The drink, a fluorescent orange "gel carbonate" was launched on Thesday and immediately ran into opposition from anti-alcohol campaigners, who complained that the

drink would appeal to teenagers.

The Portman Group, the drinks industry watchdog, said the label directly contravened its code of conduct, by portraying a young man who could appear to be under 18 and by not displaying the word alcohol prominently enough. Ebbe Dinesen, the chief executive of Carlsberg-Tetley said last night: "We are sufficiently concerned that we have accepted their view." It will be around four weeks before the repackaged drink returns to the shelves. Glenda Cooper

Diplomat Robert Coghlan told customs investigators that while he was "not the Pope", he had acquired a large number of paedophilic videos unintentionally, a court heard yesterday. The former First Secretary at the British Embassy m Tokyo said a large collection of obscene videos featuring young boys he is accused of smuggling into Britain was built

In a statement read during the second day of the trial at Southwark Crown Court, the divorced father of two said it had not been possible to determine what the tapes contained before buying them."I am not saying I bought these videos assuming they were Gone With The Wind. I was aware they contained pornographic material, but what I was not aware of was the precise content." Coghlan, of Islington, north London, denies he was "knowingly concerned in a fraudalent evasion of the prohibition on importation" of a quantity of "indecent or obscene material". Jojo Moyes

The Government was accused of "wool-pulling" to justify £400m cuts in science funding for universities. Sir Ronald Oxburgh, the new president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and rector of Imperial College in London, described as "nonsense" Treasury claims that the cuts in capital funding over the next three years could be replaced by money from industry under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). "The PFI is just a way of borrowing money, and you have to raise recurrent sums of money to service the loan," he said yesterday.

The cut represents a 30 per cent reduction in funding, and has led to complaints from universities and the pressure group Save British Science that it will lead to dangerous corner-cutting in laboratories which cannot afford safety afford adequate safety equipment. Charles Arthur

ugher controls on dietary supplements, including herbal remedies are needed according to the consumer magazine, Which? It claimed that few of the increasing number of pills and potions on the market were medicines but many made claims as if they were. Others did not tell the whole story on possible side-effects.

The supplements included ginseng which can reportedly give rise to side-effects, including high blood pressure. Ginseng should not be taken with caffeine, yet supplement brands including "Herbal Booster" and "Up Your Gas" mixed giuseng with guarana, which contains caffeine, Which? claimed. Glenda Cooper

Child abuse deaths have dropped by two-thirds in England and Wales over the past 20 years – the biggest decline in the western world, research at the University of Southampton has shown. The study does not suggest that child abuse itself has declined, Colin Pritchard, Professor of Social Work Studies, said vesterday, but that child protection services are intervening earlier and successfully reducing its most extreme consequence.

The improvement, which has shifted England and Wales from having the third worst level of child homicides in 1973 to the fifth best among 22 developed nations in 1993 has come despite two major recessions, which traditionally increase pressure on marginalised

Lome-helps working for Labour-controlled Knowsley council on Merseyside have won compensation under

equality legislation after their enhanced payments for working evenings, weekends and bank holidays were cut.

Their work had been rated similarly to mainly male workers, such as refuse drivers, none of whom had suffered such reductions. Unison, the public service union, claimed 200 care workers, who had been threatened with dismissal, would receive up to £500,000 in back pay. But the council said the figure was substantially less. Barrie Clement

The skipper of the world's oldest active square-rigged sailing vessel, the Maria Astanpia, appeared in court yesterday on charges arising from the ship's wrecking on the Cornish coast last year and the deaths of three crew. The hearing, at Bodmin Magistrates' Court, will decide whether there is sufficient evidence for 55-year-old Mark Litchfield, of Maidstone, Kent, to face trial by jury at crown court.

The 137-year-old wooden vessel broke up on rocks near Padstow. The hearing is likely to last up to two weeks.

Only one consumer in more than 1,000 could correctly identify the government minister who looks after their interests, a survey for BBC1's Watchdog programme has found. Researchers took a life-size cardboard cut-out of consumer minister John Taylor to the world's busiest shopping thoroughfare, Oxford Street in London.

Suggestions as to the identity of the mystery cut-out ranged from actor Bob Hoskins to former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev. When Mr Taylor, MP for Solihull, was asked about his achievements, he said: "I think I have contributed to the area of unit pricing. I have contributed to ladder safety, where there are 44,000 injuries per year from people falling off ladders and step ladders - and we're working very hard on fireworks." Glenda Cooper

### A melting moment for Naomi as wax twin makes a catwalk debut



Naomi Campbell unveils her wax double in London yesterday at the Fashion Café, which she owns with model friends Claudia Schiffer, Elle MacPherson and Christy Turlington; Ms Campbell is the first 'supermodel' to have her image moulded by Madame Tussaud's and set among more than 400 waxen celebrities in the famous museum

Photograph: Edward Sykes

# Should murderers suffer for

minutes?

The death penalty, is it legalised murder? Or is it justifiable revenge? Find out Polly Toynbee's view in this week's Radio Times.

RadioTimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT

# Blair's business jamboree becomes PR man's festival

MICHAEL HARRISON

Half the delegates who attended Labour's much-hyped and heavily trailed conference in central London yesterday, to hear the party leadership set out its manifesto for business, were not businessmen at all but public-relations executives, academics, trade unionists, diplomats or Labour MPs and officials.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, opened the event by saying it was a "particular pleasure to see so many distinguished business people gathered at a Labour business conference". He was told, he added, that 92 of Britain's top-100 companies

were represented. The reality was a little different. Of the 365 delegates who paid £470 a head to listen to Mr Blair and eight of his fronthench colleagues set out their vision for industry and the economy, 82 were PR men and women. Nineteen were diplomats, 29 were union represen-tatives, academics or members of training and enterprise coun-cils and 46 were Labour MPs,

MEPs or party members.



A pat on the back for John Prescott from Blair yesterday

cial attendance list suggests that less than a third of the companies that make up the FTSEonly a handful of chief executives of large companies were billed as attending. Of those, Gerry Robinson of Granada, Lord Blyth of Boots, Liam Strong of Sears and John Rose of Rolls-Royce, turned up only for the breakfast briefing, and one, Norman Askew of East Midlands Electricity, did not

Disappointment at the calibre of those attending was standards and training for those

summed up by one delegate, who said: "After all the advance billing, and given the Labour party line-up on display, the attendance is very poor, both in quantity and quality."

Those who did attend heard Mr Blair spell out five pledges to business: a promise that in-flation would be kept low and tough rules imposed on spending and borrowing, a commit-ment to place Britain at the centre of Europe in a role that is outward-looking and antiprotectionist; better education

John Smith, the director of regulation for Anglian Water, who said: "Inevitably we have reservations about some areas

of policy, such as the windfall tax. [But] ... this time Labour has made much more effort to conduct a dialogue with business and therefore its policies reflect much more under-standing of business."

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leagues, including the deputy

leader John Prescott, were

According to some delegates the muted response was ex-

plained by the fact that they had

heard it all before. Mr Blair's

speech, right down to the joke

he used to warm up the audi-

ence, was a virtual carbon copy of the one he gave in July to the annual conference of the British Chambers of Commerce annu-

al convention in Birmingham. The mood was summed up by

greeted with polite applause.

Mr Blair's speech and those

infrastructure.

# Politics proves the sticking point

ALEX SELL

Labour's plans for business were met with a distinctly luke warm response by industry lead-ers. Deeming it "more a polit-ical meeting" many walked away none the wiser.

There are a lot of unanswered questions," Sean Murphy, managing director of Japanese bank Sanwa said. Alcc Reed, chairman of Reed Personnel Services, said: "I would

tail] and they would be naive to

Opinion was split on the usefulness of the conference. Those seeking detail on policies such as duty on fuel and windfall taxes came away content, those seeking explanation of how Labour would control the financial instability of change of government or clarification over EMU membership and the level of a minimum wage were dis-

woman of the Wire Station, an interactive business communications business, said that her experience of national minimum wage in Australia had that employs unfair rates of pay, she said, tends to fail to retain staff and secure productivity. "Natural forces rather than the formal impositions Labour flirts with tend to dictate pay and productivity," she said.

This view was echoed by Andrea Cone-Farran, chair- Michael Moseling, senior di-

rector of project finance at Nikko (UK). Attempts by a Labour Government to legislate on corporate governance issues such as those recomshown it to be futile. Any firm mended by Greenbury would be met with resistance and resentment, he said. Intervention and tinkering with corporate taxation would simply find investment being directed elsewhere.

On other tax issues Mr Moseling thought Labour would not be radical.

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# Killing of INLA leader may not end feud

DAVID MCKITTRICK ireland Correspondent

Opinions differed yesterday on whether or not Tuesday night's assassination of a leading figure in the Irish National Liberation Army meant the end of the vi-cious feud which has claimed six

lives this year.

was the leader of one the two continue to seek vengeance, a alists: the rest all died in interwas shot dead in January, reportedly on Torney's orders.

Torney's death may bring an end to the blood-letting, with each side reckoning that hon-our has been satisfied. Or one that, of 27 defendants in a ma-jor INLA trial in the mid-1980s, The man shot dead in Lurgan, Co Armagh, Hugh Torney, ly unpredictable group may

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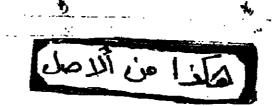
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INLA members. The risks involved in being an INLA member are the stuff of of these two groups has any conmany bad-taste jokes in Belfast. structive contribution to make to the struggle for justice and the search for peace."

Torney's republican career

gun battle with troops in west Belfast, and in 1973 he was having last year skipped bail in jailed on an arms charge. Over the years he escaped several loyalist attempts to kill him, and survived a number of murder bids by INLA associates.

He spent several years on remand on murder and other charges in the mid-1980s but was acquitted when the "supergrass" trials collapsed. When

having last year skipped bail in the Irish Republic where he faced trial for an arms offence. ■ An SDLP delegation yesterday met Irish ministers in Dublin in advance of the multi-party talks which reopen in Belfast next week. The Irish for: eign minister, Dick Spring, said renewed confidence was need ed after a summer of unrest.



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THURSDAY 5 SEPTEME

# The clock moves on, but time stands still for Gilbert and George

Britian's most controversial pop artists have outlasted the city around them, writes Jonathan

Glancey On the left, the artists Gilbert and George on the roof of their Spitalfields eyric: on the right, the artists Gilbert and George on the roof of their Spitalfields eyrie. Eagle-cycd readers will, however, spot a number of differences between these two photographs, both taken by Herbie Knott.

The brickwork of Gilbert and George's Dickensian chimney stacks appear to have been repointed (right). The Fifties style suits they sport on the right are surely more sombre than those on the left. The clock of Christ Church, Spital fields, which lies on the edge of the City, registers twelve o'clock on the left and twenty past six on the right.

The giveaway to the difference between Knott's twin portraits is the skyscape brooding behind the parapet of this London rooftop: broadshouldered, Brobdingnagian, the ambitious Broadgate development fills in a background that, in the left-hand picture, is still composed of individual buildings, including one of the 400ft towers of the Barbican.

The two pictures are taken at the same time, same place, 10 years and one day apart. Knott's earlier portrait slightly predated the first issue of The Independent, which celebrates its

tenth anniversary next month. The Yuppie boom was at full volume and Broadgate had yet to rise the length of Bishopsgate. the north-south axis that divides the plutocratic City of London from shadowy, penny-pinched Spitalfields, which was built by Huguenot refugees in the 1720s. The clock on

Hawksmoor's peerless church had not been working for as long as anyone could remember. As you can see, the clock is running on time today; the church is in the process of a protracted restoration due to be completed in time for the millennium.

Spitalfields itself has changed radically since 1986. Then, the old fruit and vegetable market was still in full flow, the glowing hearth around which houses like Gilbert and George's huddled for warmth and security. But the market has since moved to a hi-tech warehouse in the outer wastelands of Hackney further

But the one thing that has remained constant over a day.



turbulent decade is Gilbert and George's standing as two of the most controversial British artists and their devotion to the Market Cafe in Fournier Street

sculptures at the end of the Sixties, Gilbert and George have always been enigmatic artists. Their most recent sale, of a work entitled Bloody Life No 4, returned them £85,000 in June.

Since their debut as human They courted adverse criticism with a remarkable continuum of gigantic photographic works that featured the rough and rude side of working-class London life. In Gilbert and George's imagery, testosterone-

fuelled boys, many of them skinheads, were mixed up with East End skylines and scrawled across with a brutal Anglo-Saxon vocabulary designed to

provoke. Even so, these brutal works

were beautifully realised and, seen together in major European and American art galleries, had much of the quality of great stained glass. Their most recent show was a major retrospective this summer in

latest work, currently in the

George (on the right of the two pictures) describes the talented duo as "just a pair of

which the fortunes of changing Spitalfields continue to rise

Brian Appleyard, page 17





Followed: Frances Lawrence whose husband, Philip, died protecting a pupil last year

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The widow of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster stabbed to death outside his school, is being harassed by a stalker. The man has been following

Frances Lawrence, 47, for seveal months and on one occasion reportedly leapt out in front of her wearing a hood while she was in her earden.

Mrs Lawrence is the latest victim of stalking - a form of ha-rassment which affects hundreds of women. The problem has become so acute that the Government has promised to introduce a new law which jailed for up to five years. ...

Mrs Lawrence and her four children won nationwide respect for the way they dealt with the murder of her husband in north west London last December.

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furiated him.

Describing the effects of being stalked, she reportedly said:
"I his whole thing has made life more difficult for me. It seems ridiculous but, as you can imagine, it is pretty awful to know there is someone out there

watching all the time. "I have reported this to the police and they have been wonderful. But this man is very clever and shy."

Speaking about her en-counter with the stalker, Mrs Lawrence said: "It was terrifying. I went into the back garden one day recently and he sprang out right in front of me. He was wearing a hood over his head which made it worse. He stared could result in stalkers being at me as we stood face to face." Scotland Yard yesterday con-

> Mr Lawrence's death, as he tried to protect a pupil from a

George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale, provoked nationwide revulsion and lead to proposals to tighten up laws on knives, and a wcapons

Several days after his murder, Mrs Lawrence sent a message to her husband's pupils to help create a world where "goodness is never again destroyed by

A 15-year-old youth is due to go on trial later this month charged with murdering Mr

The issue of stalking was highlighted earlier this week when it emerged that the first stalker jailed for inflicting psy-chological grievous bodily harm on a victim was still trying to harass her from his prison cell.

firmed it was investigating the Anthony Burstow, 36, a former chief petty officer, was jailed after barassing Tracey gang of youths outside St Sant, 28, who had worked with

him at a Gosport naval depot. Burstow, now in Bullingdon prison, near Oxford, was discovered trying to write to her. The letters were seized.

Under government plans, which will finish their consultation process next week, a civil measure will allow victims to seek an injunction against the person responsible. Breaching the injunction would be a criminal offence, punishable by up to five years in jail.

The Government is also proposing a new criminal offence of intentionally or unintentionally causing people to fear for their safety. It will be an offence whether or not the stalker intended to have this

Anyone found guilty of committing such an offence will face a punishment of five years in

about what I should do next

Keeping evidence, they said, was a good start. Noting times

and places when he followed

me on the street and to record

incidents of verbal abuse or in-

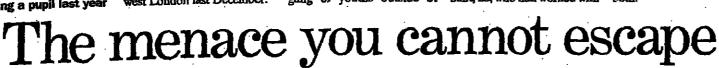
he may reappear at any time,

short of taking an injunction

out on him to ensure that he

is not allowed within a certain

While the fear remains that



A stalker's victim describes the devastating effect

I could not imagine it happening to me. I still can't see an obvious reason why the stalker became fixated as I'm neither a celebrity nor strikingly attractive. However, as rapists and attackers are often known to their victims, so too was I introduced to my stalker profes-

At first, he merely created an uncomfortable atmosphere by gazing at me intently and hovering around without actually speaking. Gradually, there was no getting away from the fact that he was building up a pic-ture of our relationship that was

purely fictitious. And he built up the image rapidly. "You and I are perfect it was nothing compared to the together, aren't we? Do you know what I want to do to up the phone. I had begun to

that a perverse fixation has had upon on her life you?" I would walk away as he screen all my calls, but one Sun- He is successful, has good conday evening I was caught off continued his litany of fantasies. guard when expecting a call Even then, it was annoying rather than menacing but the

from abroad. The amount of filth he packed into a 30-second call before I put the phone down left me in tears. When I pulled myself together, I decided I had

to take a course of action. Avoiding him wherever possible meant changing the sort

of jobs I was doing.

I started taping his phone messages so that I had something concrete to take to the police but instead of feeling relieved, it left me more wary. Why did he need to do this?

nections and most people on first meeting him find him charming. A far cry from the image of a lonely, frustrated in-dividual cut off from society.

At a party we both attended, I tried to creep away without him noticing, but he was too quick for me.

going?" he said, grabbing my wrists. Yet eerily, he continued smiling so that from a dis-

tance no one would notice anything untoward. "Don't think you're leaving now. You're coming back with me." I approached the police ple like this.

distance of my presence, the next best thing I can do is to "Where do you think you are make sure that our paths don't meet wherever possible.

timidation.

Most worrying is that deep down I feel somehow responsible. If I had handled it differently ... if I had shouted at him ... but there is no guide-book on how to deal with peo-



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Karen Morgan lived like a "medieval monk", retreating from the world into her London, yesterday. bedroom for 14 years. When her body was found, her legs were so wasted and twisted she was

incapable of walking.
She slept on filthy floorboards in a bare room. from where she dominated her par-ents and her brother. Russell, so much that when she died aged 29 they decided to join her in death. But their suicide pact

Schoolfriends, neighbours, relatives - even her father and brother - had all been shunned when the shutters came down inside Karen's mind. A bucket used as a toilet became her only

By the time of her death in April, her self-isolation was nearly complete. For the previous eight years she had seen only her mother, and even then she ordered the older woman around with hand-written notes. Her bizarre life and death -

caused by a cancerous brain tumour - were described at the inquest into her death at Croydon Coroner's Court, south-east

Paul Rose, the coroner, who recorded a verdict of death by natural causes, said the case raised some questions of the power of social service departments, but admitted it was unique in his experience and "totally bizarre". Detective Inspector Robert

Harrall said that from the age of 12 she had undergone psy-chiatric treatment but found staying in hospitals so unpleasant that when she returned home she would strip off her clothes and anything else asso-ciated with the institutions.

When she reached 15, her parents, Bob and Josie Morgan, were told that hospital treatment was no longer appropri-ate. Rather than lose her to a residential school, they decided to look after her at home in Erith, Kept. From that point, though she had resumed school, Karen's life began to take on its from bronchial pneumonia hermit-like pattern.

In a bleak room, in a nondescript semi, in a faceless suburb, a girl shut herself away for 14 years

Det lusp Harrall said she "manipulated and dominated" her parents, for example over the family watched. Ritualised washing which could last for hours was interspersed with periods when she refused to clean berself. Callers to the home, including neighbours,

The family told no one when she died on 30 April, Det Insp Harrall said, and for three days Karen's body lay in the house, cleaned up, while Mrs Morgan worked as a cleaner to buy enough pills for them all to

Russell, a "willing partner" in the suicide, went first, but after

Lying on floorboards, she shut off all contact with the world

For the last eight years of her life not even her father and recluse - saw her. All her furniture was removed and she used the bucket as a toilet. Meals were put in her room only when she gave her mother per-

Det Insp Harrall said officers had found "page after page" of notes written by Karen to her mother. If Mrs Morgan refused a command, there would be

Christmas has been called many things over the last 2,000 years;

this year, the Church of England

will call it a "Bad Hair Ďay".

This is the slogan that has been

chosen by the Churches Advertising Network, an unofficial

ecumenical body set up by the

Church of England to sell

Christmas to young people. It will appear in orange text on a

The slogan continues:

"You're a virgin, you've just giv-

en birth, and now three kings

have shown up. Find out the happy ending at a church near you." It will be used on poster

sites, T shirts, and chasubles. It

may also feature on Classic FM radio.

"Our previous campaigns were fairly safe and a bit preachy, too," said the Rev Tom Ambrose, press officer for the diocese of Ely, and one of

the members of the network.

"Some people have, I suppose, simply been shocked by this year's [slogan]. But they haven't put into words what their shock

is. I suppose it is because we are

bishop of York, Dr David Hope,

suggested that he was more than shocked. "Incandescent" was

one word used of his reaction

to the first draft. Dr Hope him-

self is on holiday and cannot be

reached for official comment,

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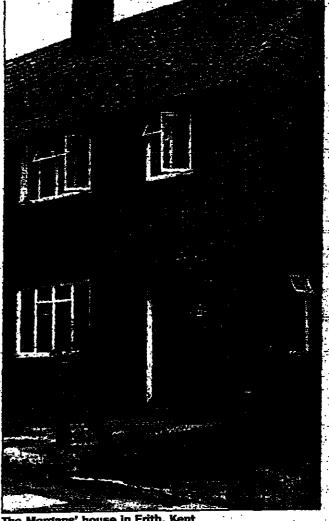
using this sort of language."

purple background.

feeling sick his parents called an ambulance whose crew was then told of Karen's death.

When Karen's body was examined her muscles were wasted, her toes clenched pointing down and her left leg bent. It would have been impossible for her to walk, but she had been reasonably well-nourished.

The policeman said the parents had felt overwhelmed and embarrassed by the situation, and that however "inexcusably"



heir daughter. He said that any neglect was "entirely self-imposed" and Karen was not an unwilling 'detainee" in her room, which had no lock. There was no explanation as to what caused her

had felt they were "protecting"

Delivering his verdict, Mr Rose, said: "The whole history of this case is totally bizarre and unique in my experience. The deceased decided to live like a recluse, like some medieval

monk deciding to live in a cell."

Karen had a "strange personality" and her parents had been unable to stand up to their daughter and report the situation to the authorities. Her death was not linked to her

strange lifestyle, he said. However, Mr Rose said he vas "worried" that Bexley social services, despite taking legal advice, had been unable to act because there was no neglect or ill-treatment. No one had visited her since she was 15.

He recommended that thought be given to whether soincreased so they intervene in such situations.

Mr and Mrs Morgan were not present at the hearing, which was told they had been treated with Russell at Bexley Hospital because of fears for their mental states. The parents were due to be discharged soon.

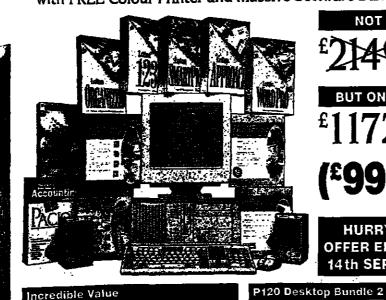
A spokesman for Bexley council, whose social services department carried out an inquiry, said they had offered help when Karen was 15 but the parents declined, and Karen had seemed to settle. There had been "no way of knowing" of Karen's isolation, and no one from the community had come

forward. Updates in procedure had since improved, he added. Dr Bridget Dolan, a psy-chologist at 5 George's Medical School, in Tooting, south-west London, said there were a few cases of people shutting themselves away and starving to death.

"The surprise is they don't happen more often. People fall through the nets all the time but

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Call to faith: The Church of England's message this year

Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. "He thought it would be incomprehensible," cautious. "I support the inten-tion of conveying the message to young people who know nothing about the church, that said one of his advisers.

Publicly, Dr Carey was more ing to communicate with them. to be a very joyful event.

I hope this ecumenical cam-paign succeeds," he said. Dr Ambrose did not think the

posters would drive anyone out of the church, as was suggested: "It has to be a concern that it might offend older churchgoers. But as a vicar, you hear the most amazing stories of why people have stayed away from

Previous campaigns, he said, had only really reached people who would go to church in any event. That was not the point of advertising. The posters, T-shirt and chasuble transfers will be offered to 40,000 churches across the country this autumn, and the money raised from selling them will be used to buy radio spots and poster sites in public places in December.

A spokesman for the Meth-odist Church was worried that young people might be disappointed when they finally went inside an Anglican church: they could find that it was less exciting than the posters had led them to believe.

A spokesman for the Catholic Church was surprised to learn that the campaign had been used at all. The joke about the Virgin might have offended Catholics, she said. "In some ways I think it's good just because it's so different. It's got shock value, which I think is good. But, being boring about it, the campaign puts a very negchurches are willing and want- ative gloss on what's supposed

# Five to design new Manchester

**LOUISE JURY** 

Five teams of architects and ur-. ban designers were yesterday given six weeks to put forward plans for rebuilding Manchester's bomb-damaged city centre.

The five partnerships were chosen from 27 entries in an international ternational competition launched after the IRA's 3,300lb bomb devastated the heart of

Defying initial fears that the process might reproduce the kind of rows that dogged the controversial Cardiff opera house competition, architects and the city council yesterday

were proceeding well. Sir Alan Cockshaw, chairman

of Manchester Millennium, the task force set up to oversee the reconstruction, said they had a great opportunity. "Manchester has been faced

with a unique challenge and it is gratifying to see the way in which everyone has worked together to create something special for the city."

It had been difficult selecting

the shortlist but he was convinced the five had the "talent, vision and experience" to take the re-building forward. Richard Leese, leader of the

city and improve refail and investment opportunities to strengthen Manchester's position as a "lead European city". "It is an opportunity no city has had in this country for 40 or 50 years," he said.

But Owen Luder, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), said the competition was being set up in haste and might prove less than satisfactory. RIBA made several suggestions on how the competition should be run including the need for an architect on the judging committee and that

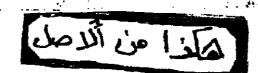
expressed delight that plans city council, said they wanted to entries should be judged anonyenhance the historic parts of the mously to give less well-known names a chance against established practices.

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Howard Bernstein, chief executive of Manchester Millennium, said submissions should be in by 8 October when they

would choose the best plan. Some estimates put the price of restoring the city at £500m. most of which will be met by the private sector and insurance,

and possibly European funds. The shortlisted firms are: Halliday Meecham Architects; Llewlyn-Davies; EDAW; R James Chapman Architects: Building Design Partnership.



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NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Some of Britain's best wetland wildlife sites are being damaged because water companies are taking too much from them, a report from the Government's official nature conservation arm

said yesterday. English Nature said that 89 officially-designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (\$SS1) were at risk from overabstraction of water from boreholes sunk into aquifers or direct from rivers. While water companies were the chief culpril farmers with spray irrigation, mineral companies, golf courses and fish farms were also

The sites in question are

'As water demand rises there's going to be a serious

impact on wildlife'

nated as SSSIs because they have unusual or particularly rich plant and animal life. If the damage continues, some will eventually lose this status.

The report is based on a survey of some 160 sites which English Nature judged might be at risk from over-abstraction. It more in conservation, repairing demonstrates that while Britain's human population escaped a drought this summer, wildlife which depends on wet so on. places is in retreat as the na-

Chris Newbold, English Nature's senior wetland ecologist, said 18 of the 89 SSSIs had already been harmed by overabstraction, including four rivers. Water companies were to blame for a dozen of these.

He singled out Hatfield Chase, on Humberside, which has been hard hit by farms taking water from boreholes for spray irrigation. "It's a degraded bog now," he said. "This summer you could

For instance sundews, carnivorous plants which trap insects in sticky secretions, have become quite rare on that site.

"The general trend on these SSSIs which are drying out is an attrition of the richness of species.

Four rivers which are SSSIs or proposed SSSIs have been affected - the Hull, the Hampshire Avon, the Blythe in Worcestershire and the De Lank, a moorland tributary of the river Camel in Cornwall.

These are among the jewels in the crown of England's rivers, as only 4 per cent of the total riverbank length designated as SSSIs. The De Lank, Camel and Hull have all been hit by water company abstractions, while streams and rivers, lakes, fens and bogs. All have been designored from it by British

Waterways Board for its canals.

Dr Newbold said negotiations to reduce water usage and lessen the environmental damage were underway at about 40 per cent of the worst affected

Friends of the Earth wildlife campaigner Matt Phillips said: "Just this summer the Department of the Environment granted Yorkshire Water a drought order to take extra water from the river Hull.

"As water demand continues to rise over the next few decades, there's going to be a very serious impact on wildlife. The water companies need to start investing much, much leaks and giving their customers help with getting showers, water butts, low-flush toilets and

English Nature believes one tion's demand for water slowly .answer, is to store more water in winter, when rainfall is heaviest - either in small reservoirs serving individual farms and golf courses or in larger ones built by the water supply companies. Yet many environmentalists strongly oppose construction of big new reservoirs.

Companies and individuals which abstract water need a licence from the Government's environment agency. But for some of the older licences, granted 30 years ago or more, the agency can only alter its terms and demand less water is



Thirsty work: One of several wild Tarpan ponies brought in from Poland to help graze Redgrave and Lopham fens on the Suffolk-Norfolk border back into prime condition after damage caused by water extraction. A borehole operated by the Essex and Suffolk Water Company has now been closed

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HE NUMBER of homeless families in the UK has almost doubled in the last fifteen years. Shelter believes much more decisive action is needed.

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**Full Moon** 

By Vita Sackville-West

She was wearing the coral taffeta trousers Someone had brought her from Ispahan, And the little gold coat with pomegranate blossoms, And the coral-hafted feather fan; But she ran down a Kentish lane in the moonlight, And skipped in the pool of the moon as she ran.

She cared not a rap for all the hig planets, For Betelgeuse or Aldebaran, And all the big planets cared nothing for her, That small imperiment charlatan; But she climbed on a Kentish stile in the moonlight And laughed at the sky through the sticks of her fun.

Vita Sackville-West's reputation as a poet is reconsidered by James Lees-Milne in Fourteen Friends, published next week by John Murray (£19.99). Her best known work, *The Lond*, a poem of some 2,500 lines which follows the cycle of a farming year in Kent, was published in 1926. Shortly afterwards she began The Garden. It was not completed until 1946 but as both a treatise on gardening and an investigation of inner and external landscape, it is considered her finest achievement. This short poem appears in Second Selections from Modern Poets: made by Sir John Squire, published by Secker & War-

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18-24 🗆 25-34 🗆 35-44 🗔 55-64 🗌 65-74 🗀 75+ 🗆 45-54 🔲 Q2. Do you: own your own home or have a mortgage? rent privately? rent from a Housing Association or local authority? live in someone else's home? Q3. Do you share your home with: Yes □ No □ children? partner/husband/ wife or anyone else Yes 🗆 No 🗆 . related to you? Someone not related Yes 🗆 No 🗅 to you? Q4. Have you ever been homeless or at serious risk of losing your home yourself (through a tenancy ending, not being able to afford the rent or mortgage, break up of relationship,

or other reason)?

Q6. Bad housing can have serious long-term consequences. Please show how important you view these problems as being (tick one box only for each problem; 1 being the most 1 2 3 Children doing badly at school  $\ \square \ \square \ \square$ People suffering asthma, bronchitis and other serious diseases People becoming more Local communities Agree Disagree Society as a whole Agree Disagree The economy

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Q5. Do you know anyone else who is either

home in such a way?

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homeless or at serious risk of losing their

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dependent on social services  $\ \square \ \square \ \square$ Q7. Do you agree or disagree that homelessness has a bad effect on the following? The families and individuals concerned Agree Disagree Don't know D Don't know 🗆 Don't know 🗆 Agree Disagree Don't know Q8. Do you think politicians are at present sufficiently concerned about the plight of homeless people? No □ Don't know □

**Shelter National Opinion Survey on Homelessness** Q9. Would you be willing to write a letter to an MP which might help to get homeless people housed? No ☐ Don't know ☐ Yes 🗆 Q10. Would you be willing to make a donation to Shelter to help homeless people? No 🗆 (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) Name: Postcode:\_\_ Telephone No:\_\_\_ Thank you for your time. If you would like to make a donation, please return your cheque, made out to 'Shelter', with this survey. We suggest £15, but any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated. Other £ . Here is my gift of: £15 🗍 Please return this whole survey to us, Shelter, FREEPOST, Room 57, 88 Old Street, London

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# Military's top secrets may be privatised

STEVE BOGGAN

Highly-sensitive computer opcrations for the Ministry of Defence could be contracted out to private companies under plans being considered by the

Among the operations whose intelligence-gathering would be privatised are some administrative sections of GCHQ, the

Centre, which gathers top-secret General Sir John Foley. satellite images.

According to today's issue of Computer Weekly, which has a proven track record of uncovsource information technology operations, officials at the Resources Planning Centre within the MoD's offices in London have been preparing a feasibility study on contracting out tening centre, and the Joint Air the work for the Chief of De- told it that "non-core" activities

Last night, the MoD said contracting out would relate only to "certain non-core activities mainly in the area of routine ering Government plans to out- information systems and information technology support.

> ever to do with national security," a spokesman said. However, Computer Weekly's sources within the MoD have

"It would have nothing whatwould be contracted out. But

Reconnaissance Intelligence fence Intelligence, Major- include the collation of highly even that has been described as bridgeshire, and the Military sensitive, and in some cases secret, intelligence.

The MoD regards strategy and policy-making as 'core' and the IT support of those decisions to be 'non-core'," said Tony Collins of Computer Weekly. "Some people, even within the MoD, find it hard to distinguish between the two. I understand that routine matters like payroll and personnel

sensitive information in the past. If you have access to the Both gather pin-point satellite payroll, then you know who works where and when."

According to Mr Collins's sources, IT support for intelligence staff in the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force, MoD staff in London and bases in Gibraltar and Cyprus would be affected. The Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at Brampton, Cam-

Survey would also be involved. mapping information used in planning attacks and for the programming of cruise missiles such as those used this week

acainst hac. No figure has been put on the contract, but it is thought to run into hundreds of millions of pounds. A small number of compames have been approached to

tems, or EDS, the company formally owned by the American billionaire, Ross Perot. EDS has already won Government contracts for IT services within the Inland Revenue and the De-

partment of Social Security. Dr David Clark, the shadow planned to tackle the Government over the proposed changes

when Parliament re-convened.

found it to be true, aithough the MoD is backtracking a bit now. They say the systems in-

volved will only relate to administration, but where do you draw the line between administration and intelligence? If you are sending X to Moscow three Defence Secretary, said he times a week and X claims travel expenses, then that is. administration, but it could tell . you an awful lot about intelli-

# Channel 5 targets MPs in bid for territory

**MATHEW HORSMAN** Media Editor

Channel 5 Broadcasting is lobbying dozens of MPs around the country, including several in marginal seats, to win support for its demand for wider na-

tional coverage.

David Elstein, chief executive of Channel 5, believes the service could be received by up to four million additional viewers if the Government agrees to release an additional frequency -Channel 35 - for the broadcast of the Channel 5 signal. That would increase the percentage of British homes able to receive

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the service to 78 per cent from frequency was released. Of 70 per cent.

So far, the Department of Trade and Industry, which has reserved Channel 35 for the use of mobile digital communications on trains and buses, has refused to accede to the request. despite lobbying from the Independent Television Commission, the TV watchdog. A meeting at DTI is scheduled for next week to review the decision.

Initial studies by Channel 5, due to be launched on 1 January 1997, have identified at least 10 regions of the country where the new service could be widely offered if the Channel 35

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these, at least two are in marginal seats where pressure could he brought to bear on sitting MPs. Channel 5 is assembling a list of other regions where the sitting MP has a small majority and could be persuaded to back the campaign.

"It is clear that people will wonder why they don't receive the signal when people in nearby towns are able to do so," said a Channel 5 insider. "We believe that politicians should be made aware of the issue."

Another source said: "We are in the lead-up to an election, and I'm sure MPs will want to take notice of what 'ordinary folk' want. You cannot afford to have people who want the service but cannot get it."

Channel 5 will also argue that mobile digital communications are an as-yet untested market, and it is not clear whether they would make commercial sense. The ability to receive a mainstream, commercial channel. however, has proven appeal, the broadcaster intends to tell MPs.

The broadcaster has agreed to retune millions of VCRs to ensure that viewers can receive the new signal without interference. Channel 5 will be the last mainstream television service to be launched before the introduction of digital TV from 1998. It is expected to feature a mix of light entertainment. news and current affairs, supported by advertising revenue. According to Channel 5's tracking data, a £1m advertis-

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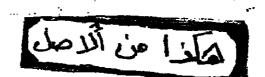


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# Pressure of exams » puts young off the arts

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Girls are ahead of boys in artistic activity both in and out of school - but both sexes lose interest when the pressures of

GCSE examinations loom.
A survey of 4.532 11- to 16year-olds in 192 state schools. to be published by the Arts Council today, shows that the demands of academic examinations causes artistic involvement to drop radically at the age of 15. Participation is lower for 15- and 16-year-olds than for any other age group.

This first survey of its kind, by the research group Mori for the Arts Council, shows that girls are more likely than boys to be involved in arts activities (93 per cent compared with 89

The only area where boys do more is in computer graphics (48 per cent, against 28 per cent

Gender distinctions are reinforced by single-sex schools. For example, in all-girls schools 55 per cent of pupils have done some dance in their lessons; in all-boys schools only 7 per cent. Participation in drama and singing in a choir was also higher in girls' schools.

Outside school far more girls write stories and poetry (41 per cent of girls, 28 per cent of boys), and read novels (49 per cent of girls, 34 per cent of

The main variation in the general statistics across the country is in Wales, where pupils are almost twice as likely to be a member of a choir (25 per cent compared with a na-

tional average of 13 per cent). tivity among teenagers in the North of England are slightly

below the national average. school." school "Secondary School Pupils and

in school time were drawing, sketching and painting, (76 per cent of pupils), with writing stories and poctry (66 per cent) and acting (58 per cent) not far

Outside schoo, 62 per cent carried on drawing, sketching and painting and 41 per cent tead novels and poetry. Only a quarter continued their interest

Nearly a half of all pupils play a musical instrument, with as many playing outside school as more likely to be playing, with learning peaking at the age of 12. Only one-third of pupils in school receive free tuition in a musical instrument.

As for attendance at arts events, cinema is predictably the most attended venue (72 per cent). Nearly one-third of pupils had been to a theatre, and one in five to a museum or historic But, despite the high number

painting and drawing, only 12 per cent had ever visited an art The report concludes that while participation in arts activities is high, girls are more

especially in dance and creative Another key conclusion is that a very low level of participation (46 per cent) is for arts activities taking place using school facilities out of school hours. Both facilities and staff are under-utilised out of hours.

the report notes. Jane O'Brien, senior policy researcher at the Arts Council, commented: "Indeed, if any Overall levels of artistic ac- area for potential improvement were recognised, it would be using school facilities out of



Double time: Kirsty McCahon, bassist with the Opera Factory orchestra, at rehearsals for the company's production of Mozart's opera The Magic Flute, which opens at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at London's South Bank tonight. The opera has been put in a circus setting and the orchestra of 15 players will play on stage Photograph: Laurie Lewis

# Rattle unlocks key to modern n



Media Correspondent

Sir Simon Rattle yesterday launched a televisual crusade for the appreciation of some of our culture's most difficult musical works - the orchestral compositions of the 20th century.

He has written and presented the most ambitious series ever to have been commissioned on the subject, Leaving Home, a seven-part series which was unveiled by Channel 4 yes-

The move is part of its bid to explore the arts in a more rigorons and intellectual way, an approach which goes hand championing of the challenging which this music is easy. What Henze and Birtwistle, as well as music of what he calls our I hope to do is give people a some of the emerging music

But the conductor who, over the last 16 years, has made the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra into an international force, admitted that the series, starting on 29 September, would not be an easy ride, even for dedicated lovers of classical

Among the works featured are Schoenberg's Transfigured Night, Strauss's Elektra, Webern's Five Orchestral Pieces. Mahler's Symphony No 7, Shostakovich's Symphony No 4, and Birtwistle's Ritual Frag-

"This stuff takes time," Sir Si-

window into why it sounds as it from eastern Europe, as indi-does. It is very hard to move cating trends for the future. does. It is very hard to move straight from Wagner to the

The series starts with an exploration of the music of decaying, turn-of-the-century Vienna, and goes on to study how orchestral music shook itself free of rhythm, how the Eastern composers Shostakovich and Bartok evad-

most complicated music of our

ed state control of their work, the influence of America and the post-war innovations of Stravinsky, Boulez and Stockhausen in building new music for a new Europe.

In the last programme, Sir Siin hand with Sir Simon's own mon said. "There's no sense in mon selects music by Berio, this music tough, what's the faster and grown at a more ex-

listen. If you go through a The series, costing more than £2m, originated with Melvyn gallery of modern art you can look at a painting or turn away immediately. Music takes time."

Bragg four years ago. "It pre-sented real technical and moral problems," said Helen Sprott, Channel 4's commissioning editor for the performing arts. "Do you allow people to speak over the music? How much of a piece of mosic do you play? What images do you show?"

But the medium also offered a way of increasing the accessibility of the music through the use of contemporaneous artwork, photographs and news footage. "So many intelligent people say to me: 'I'm finding problem?'," said Sir Simon.

In his view, orchestral music

is turning back to popular cul-

ture as the century ends. "There

is a return to more commu-

nicative music but also to more

spiritual music. This is a very,

a time of unparalleled and con-

certed violence and that was re-

flected in the music, he added.

"There is no way a great com-

poser can keep himself apart

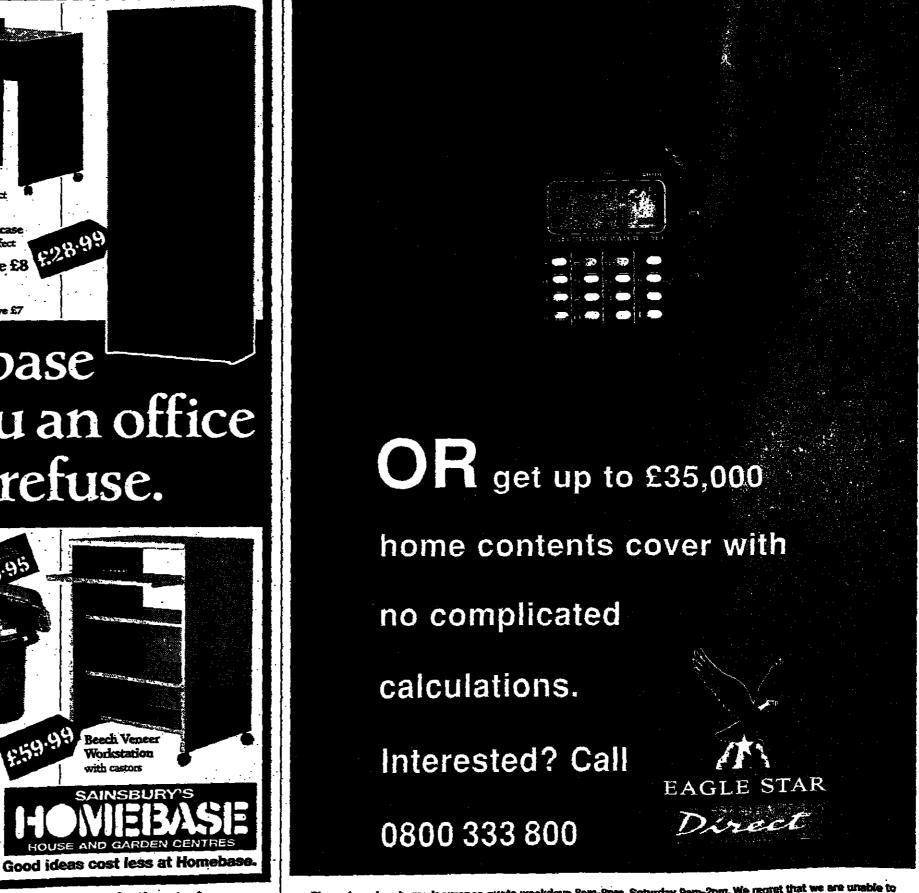
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The last 100 years had been

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# A concrete folly, a slimy old bridge or an international masterpiece by the Corbusier of County Durham?

**NIGEL BURNHAM** 

A concrete folly, derided by those living nearby as a "slimy old bridge", has been proclaimed by architectural watchdogs as an "internationally important masterpiece".

The Pasmore Pavilion, deof purely abstract form through which to walk, in which to

lineer and on which to play". Built in 1963, it was the artist's post-modernist contribution to Peterlee, Co Durham, where he was appointed consulting director of urban design.

The "Corbusier of Co Durham", now 87 but then the Master of Painting at Durham University, had wanted to bring some cheer to the lives of miners relocated from pit villages.

But to residents of Sunny Blunts estate, the pavilion and the polluted pond it spans has brought only misery as a target for vandalism and a meeting place for teenagers with a

predilection for al fresco sex. Easington council feels the same way. It is objecting to English Heritage's recommendation to Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, that the sculpture should be listed Grade II\*. It has asked the Government's Conservation Agency to abandon its plans to list the sculpture and assist instead in its demolition. ceptance by the community,

Sunny Blunts, is the pavilion's fiercest critic, having campaigned for 14 years for its removal and lobbied the Prince of Wales, Sig Jimmy Savile and the Army for their help.

"The name Victor Pasmore means nothing in Peterlee," she said. "All we know is that we signed by Victor Pasmore, a ma- have a heap of dirty, slimy conjor figure of the post-war British crete covered in graffiti, which avant-garde, was conceived as youths climb up to have sex on an architecture and sculpture and from which to urinate on

> "Nobody here wants it and if English Heritage does, they should take it somewhere else and list it there.

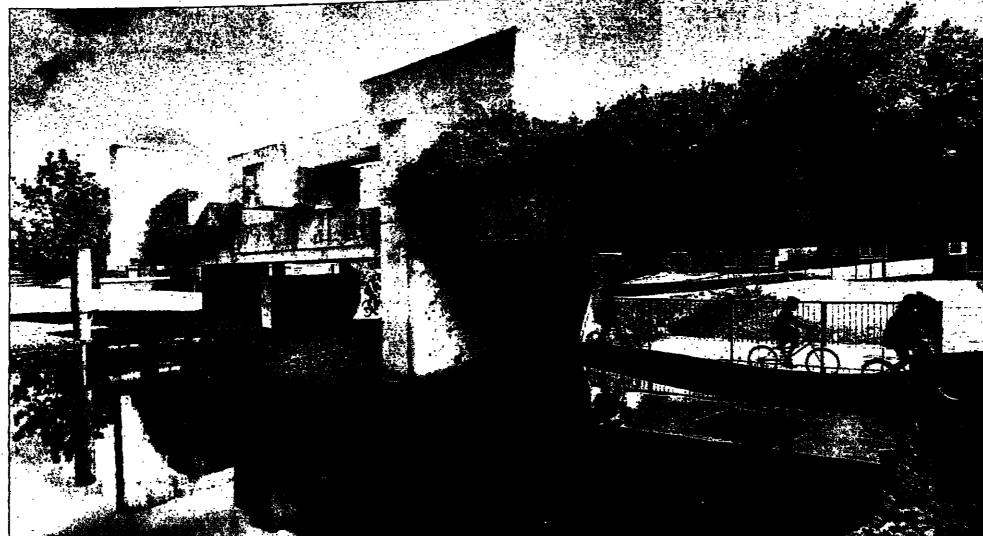
Elain Harwood, an English Heritage historian, insists that the sculpture is a national treasure which needs to be restored and maintained.

"It's an absolutely unique work of considerable international importance," she said. "It was an extraordinary thing to put in the heart of a new town. There isn't another piece of public sculpture like it anywhere in the country - neither Pasmore nor any other artist did

anything like it again. Ms Harwood said she was "disappointed" that the pavilion was so unloved.

"It's the one thing that makes people go there," she said. "We are trying to put the town on the map and they're saying, No!"

Pasmore, who said on a visit to Peterlee in 1982 that the vandalism had humanised his pavilion, demonstrating its ac-Joan Maslin, councillor for could not be contacted.



Not in our backyard: People in Peterlee want to demolish the Pasmore Pavilion, which has been recommended for listing by English Heritage

# Save money by hanging the house.



# Money talks as £70 informers turn in burglars

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

The cultivation of networks of informers could be a key

spending watchdog.

An initiative to recruit and reward informants has helped lead to the the biggest increase in clear-up rates for burglaries in one force, the commission

The scheme, run by Hert-fordshire Constabulary, in-volves the systematic use of informants at an average payment of around £70 per arrest, and is highlighted in a report by the commission as an example of good practice that other forces should follow.

Hertfordshire increased its clear-up rate for house burglaries by 14 per cent between 1993 and 1995, the biggest improvement by any force in England and Wales. Every suspect interviewed is also ap-proached as a possible source agement, said: Some chief 24 per cent.

of information on other crimes officers are still a little wary of and criminals. Prison visits are allowing inexperienced officers seen as a prime opportunity to to try to control informants. recruit informants.

The commission found that active were more systematically weeded from the register. It estimates that the intelligence provided led to an average of two arrests a day in 1995.

Around two-thirds of Hertfordshire's informants are run by uniformed officers, a rarity before 1993. Many have received specialist training on informant handling. Detective Superintendent

Alan Shannon, head of crime management with the force, said intelligence-led policing including the cultivation of informants and the targeting of persistent offenders by surveillance squads had been crucial

to the force's success. Kate Flannery, a member of There are obvious risks."

Other policing trends praised weapon in the fight to cut bur-glaries, says the Audit Com-formants had tripled to 900 geting of prolific offenders in nission, the local authority since 1993, even though those operations such as the Metro-pending watchdog. people who had ceased to be politan Police's Operation Bumblebee, more proactive policing and assigning respon-sibility for most investigations to local units.

Publication of the report came as Met officers arrested 329 people in London under the Bumblebee initiative. In a series of dawn raids police recovered a substantial quantity of stolen goods along with two pistols, CS gas canisters and drugs.

About 1,700 officers took part, searching 600 addresses. lan Johnston, an assistant commissioner, said that since Bumblebee was launched in June 1993 about 34,000 people had been arrested for burglary. Residential burglaries had fallen by 5 per cent in the past year while the detection rate was up

## 'Jackanory' still has a story for today's child

Media Correspondent

The classic children's storytelling programme Jackanory— suspended by the BBC last year—is to return as "heritage"

repeats.

Jackanory Gold, with stories told by Dame Judi Dench, Bernard Cribbins and the late Kenneth Williams, will be part of this autumn's schedule on Children's BBC, it was revealed yesterday. Stories are still important to modern children. Anna Home, head of BBC Children's Programmes, said.

Last year, when production of the story-telling programme ceased after 29 years, the BBC said stories from books had "a limited appeal" as modern children were more interested in youth soaps such as Byker Grove and magazine shows such as

Live and Kicking.

However, Ms Home laid emphasis on the classic drama in yesterday's autumn schedule.

A Sunday tea-time dramati-sation of Mark Twain's The Prince And The Pauper stars Keith Michell playing Henry VIII for the fifth time in his career. Launching the BBC's au-

tumn children's season, Ms Home said there will also be new series of old favourites The Queen's Nose, telling the adventures of feisty Harmony Parker, and The Demon Headmaster, the baddie who wants to tional in terms of children's



Back to basics: Dame Judi Dench and Bernard Cribbins

take over the world. "One of the things which was proven last year was the success off The Demon Headmaster and The Queen's Nose is the way today's children are deeply traditional and enjoy good stories well

"It surprised all of us. We did a couple of shows last year which were computery and electronic and they were not particularly popular, and there's a show on ITV called Bad Influence, again to do with new technology, and that wasn't very successful.

'In a way, that restores my faith, in as much as The Demon Headmaster and The Queen's Nose couldn't be more tradi-

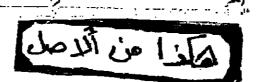


will be on screen again with Jackanory Gold

books, yet there's a real appetite for them. There's a kind of feeling that today's children are only interested in soundbites and quick fixes, that they could sit down and concentrate on a

story was very cheering."
The BBC's decision to go back to basics includes Sir Arthur Quiller Couch's children's story *True Tilda*; in which 10-year-old Morgan Bell becomes a circus girl.

Old favourites continuing in clude Blue Peter, Byker Grove, Newsround, Grange Hill and Record Breakers. Asked why so few new series had been commissioned, Ms Home said: These are back by popular demand. You don't get rid of your bankers."







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Archaeologists hail discovery of ancient culture as 'greatest find of the century'

DAVID KEYS Archaeology Correspondent

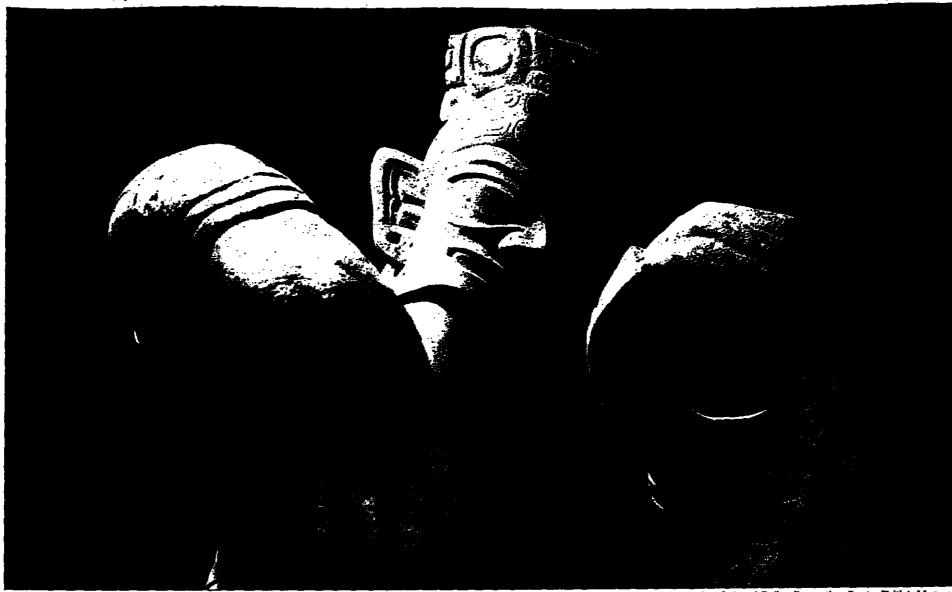
Chinese archaeologists have unearthed a previously un-known ancient civilisation, about 3,500 years old. This is the first discovery of ancient urban civilisation on this scale for more than a century.

They have found well over 1,000 jade and bronze items including some of the world's strangest sculptures, ET-style masks with eyes on stalks and heads with giant ears.

Archaeologists are stunned by the discovery and baffled as to the identity of the ancient people who created this glittering lost culture. Although the civilisation flourished in what is now western China, it does not appear to have been culturally or ethnically ancestral to modern mainstream Chinese culture. Instead, it may be distantly related to either the Tibeto-Burman tribes or the much less numerous Austronesian peoples (cousins to the Pacific Polynesians) who both still inhabit parts of western China.

Details have been emerging only over the past decade, following the discovery in 1986 and 1988, at Sanxingdui, in China's Sichuan province, of sacrificial pits filled with jade and bronze treasures. In-depth scientific cubic feet of rammed earth, they examination and Chinese lan-were 130ft wide, around 35ft examination and Chinese lan-guage publication of the material is still in progress, and China has only now allowed the mathe first time for a spectacular substantial kingdom, but was bition at the British Museum

Secret face of China's lost civilisation



Mystery man: A bronze figure found in a pit (below) at Sanxingdui, from about the 13th to 10th century BC

Photographs: China Cultural Relics Promotion Center/British Museum

heads and statues, ritual equipseries of deep sacrificial pits, However, it was the middle ment and jade treasures - have next to what were probably temples, built on vast earthen been unearthed inside a massive layer which yielded the most ceremonial walled city, coverplatforms. The identity of the ing almost a square mile. gods which were being offered In its heyday - 3,600 to 3,100 these sacrifices is as great a mysyears ago - the city, with its restery as the identity of the ancient idential districts and major pubpeople themselves. However, a fic buildings, probably had a detailed analysis of the finds so population of between 10,000 far suggests that this lost civil-isation held elephants, birds of and 20,000 and boasted four miles of enormous defensive prey, and the concept of the tree ramparts. Made of 50 million in great reverence.

The biggest sacrificial pit, dating from 1100BC, contained high, and were topped by a brick 500 bronze, jade and stone treasures arranged in three laywall and pierced by gateways. ers. The top layer consisted ex-It is likely that the metropojor finds out of the country for lis was not only the capital of a clusively of elephant tusks, while the bottom layer was

Most of the finds - bronze treasures have been found in a plements, seashells, and fragments of bronze trees.

> spectacular items - 41 humanlike heads, 15 human-like masks (including two with "telescopic" eyes on stalks), a series of bronze wheels, a dozen ritual bronze vessels, parts of several bronze trees and a 5ft 7in bronze statue of a man standing on a 3ft pedestal, decorated with elephant images. Archaeologists world-wide

are now beginning to grapple with the mystery of the Chinese discovery - and its implications. Who were the people who ran this amazing civilisation? Were they kings or priests? And, most tantalising of all, are there imals, small bronze animal face other, major, lost civilisations



# lure of whisky galore

STEVE BOGGAN

A Scottish teacher is inviting thousands of people to take part in a treasure hunt across the Highlands and islands in search of precious golden booty - 1,000 bottles of rare malt whisky, worth at least £30,000.

Richard Henderson has planted clues to the whereabouts of the treasure in a new book about the fictional wanderings of the Prince of Wales. And if no one finds it by Christmas 1999, he intends to invite all his treasure seekers to a huge millenium Hogmanay to drink the lot.

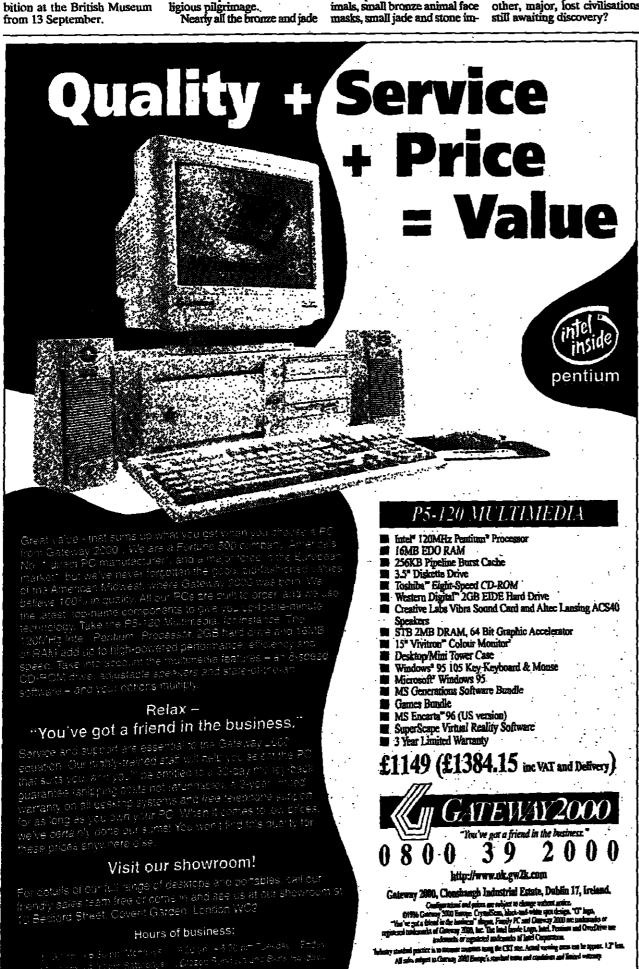
Mr Henderson, a well-known climber, got the inspiration for his hunt from Kit Williams, whose clues to the location of a golden hare in the early 1980s in Masquerade had Mr Henderson, and hundreds of others, digging up parts of the countryside for years.

The book, Chasing Charlie,

proceeds from which will go to the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, involves a group of children and their teacher in a search for the lost Loch Arkaig Treasure, a consignment of gold that vanished in 1746. Along the route taken by Bonnie Prince Charlie 250 years ago, they meet a mysterious man, nicknamed Wiggy, who is intended to be the Prince of

Mr Henderson said: "The hunt for treasure, once begun, gets a strange hold on you. Always, something draws you on; some lilt and splendour - that prospect of a moment of discovery, a moment of triumph. I thought, well, instead of a hare, my book can be about an heir, and the discerning reader will be drawn by the gleaming lure

Mr Henderson wrote to the Prince about his idea and, on learning that malt whisky is the heir's favourite drink, 109 distilleries donated 1,000 bottles including 1948 Strathisla, 30-year Springbank, 1936 Mortlach and 30-year-old Glenfarclas. Some copies of the book will be given away in bars along the west coast of Scotland. Others can be obtained for £5 from Black Raven Publishing, Berkhamsted Castle, HP4 1LJ.





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# POLICING SADDAM

# Iraqis withdraw, leaving Kurdish capital to lick its wounds

The new traqi Kurdish rulers of Arbii vesterday proved that the last Iraqi armoured vehicles had withdrawn from the city. They showed foreign reporters a bruised population of one million people who are now short of food, must walk miles for water and have no electric-

ity at all. The last Iraqis withdrew overnight from around the blasted shell of the parliament building to take up position some 10 miles south-cast of Arbil, near Kushtepe, United Nations sources and local people said. There, just north of the 35th parallel and the fragis former front line, a mechanised Iraqi battalion of some 50 armoured vehicles and

seem to be digging in and appeared ready to withdraw, the

UN sources said. The soldiers' main purpose at that point between the front lines of the two rival Iraqi Kurdish factions seemed to be to prevent the retreating Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) from trying to launch a counterattack to dislodge the new masters of Arbil, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP).

In the Iraqi Kurdish capital itself, hundreds of KDP fighters still milled around the entrance to the seat of the ad-

Only a few shops, selling food, were open in the city.

The KDP seemed in complete control of Arbil, and determined to prevent any looling by revenge-minded fighters. At one checkpoint, a convoy of armed guerrillas was barred from entering, leading to angry scenes and the training of heavy machine guns on the guerrillas until they left.

Thanks to the overwhelming force applied to the Saturday assault, backed by Iraqi light artillery and tank fire, the fight had been short and the damage

A decision to position UN vehicles around the city as soon as the fighting had died down reassured people, encouraged them not to fiee, and deterred guerrillas from committing atrocities, the UN sources said.

"In this situation our presence is vital," said the UN chief of security in Iraqi Kurdistan, the former Danish special forces colonel, Poul Dahl. There is no reason for evacu-

The mansion used by the PUK leader Jalal Talabani in the city had been wrecked and loot-

at many other houses and bases

used by PUK officials in the city. Such places were often previously used by top Iraqi officials and had been damaged in the much more destructive PUK takeover of the city in December 1994, part of the factional infighting that has split Iraqi Kurdistan in two.

KDP members were busily painting out prominent placards on former PUK buildings, while women walked for miles under the scorching sun, carrying buckets or water tanks to the few places where generators

of 12 guns were parked in a field office, or lounged in the shade by the road. The Iraqis did not in front of closed shop shutters.

Nobody disputed the KDP's fig. ed. with black smoke marks were pumping water from wells.

Foreign and sources said that scarring the window lintels.

Seem to be digging in and the power cut did not appear to be political in origin. It resulted from a break in the power lines between the rival fraqi-Kurdish front lines. A local ceasefire had to be arranged be-

fore the lines could be repaired. The KDP also took down the Iraqi flags that had been flying beside the Kurdish flag above the parliament and the fortified old town that dominates the city - an apparent concession to foreign opinion shocked by their collaboration with President Saddam Hussein's regime.

Hugh Pope reports from Arbil, the city Saddam Hussein helped the Kurdistan Democratic Party to conquer sharply divided over the weekend's events. Small groups that formed to descuss the question agreed that while they still feared President Saddam, they were sick of the situation and would like to see a return to

more central government, while keeping their federal tradi Some feared the continued presence of Iraqi secret police, although their checkpoints, if they existed at all, seem to have been set up only on Saturday and Sunday. Some townspeople even thought that the iraqi soldiers had behaved very

and it's very expensive. But we hope that it is the start of stability," 65-year-old Hussain Rahim said, as he stood by blown-out windows and complained that armed men had stolen his car.

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Standing underneath the blast-ripped canopy over a shop that sold Turkish Pepsi Cola cooled with ice just brought in from the Iraqi Arab city of Mosal, one man said that he

thought the time had come for

reunification of the country. "We embraced America, but we saw nothing from them for the past five years," said longdistance losty driver Yagonle Othman. "We used to approve of American bombing. But now we don't. We are Iraqis, and properly. There is little to eat proud of it."

# a light, towed artillery battery ministration, the governor's Second missile strike wraps up **US** mission

RUPERT CORNWELL ADEL DARWISH

After its initial sea- and airlaunched cruise attack on Tuesday, the United States followed up at dawn vesterday with a secand instalment of 17 missiles. delivered from warships and a submarine in the Persian Guif. in what the Pentagon described as "mopping up" against four of the 14 original targets - all command and control air defence facilities to the south of the Iraqi capital - which may not have been destroyed by the first wave of 27 cruises.

The operation was "successtully completed," the Defense Secretary, William Perry, said as he held long-scheduled talks with his British opposite number. Michael Portillo, representative of the one Western government which has been unequivocal in its support for the air strikes.

Half the Iraqi MiGs stationed south of the 33rd parallel - the new northern boundary of the southern no-fly zone had already been moved north of that line, he said, while US intelligence had also detected a "general pull back" of Iraqi forces in the Kurdish-populated north, whose incursion had led to this week's American retaliation. But. Mr Perry warned. more than 40,000 men were still in the region, "in a very dangerous position".

France withheld support from President Bill Clinton's raids and indicated it had not agreed in advance to his extension of the no-fly zone from the 32nd parallel. The US, Britain and France have policed the zone since a US-led coalition drove Iraqi forces out of

Kuwait in 1991. Pentagon officials said earlier yesterday that French Mirage jets took part in the first day of patrols of the expanded zone.

But Paris said that the Mirages stayed below the 32nd parallel. Nevertheless, Mr Perry said he expected France to continue to participate in the allied coalition against Iraq. Asked if the alliance was weakening. Mr Perry said: "I am confident the coalition is not weakening. If anything I think the coalition is strengthening and I

tinue participation." The Russian response has been cooler yet. The Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov. meeting Klaus Kinkel, his German counterpart, in Bonn vesterday, rejected the German view that the US action in

fully expect the French to con-

Turkey plans cordon

Ankara (Reuter) - Turkey is planning to create a security cordon inside northern Iraq to curtail increasing Kurdish separatist activity along its borders, its foreign ministry said yesterday. A spokesman said Turkey had asked Washington about the plan, but had not yet received a reply. The Foreign Minster, Tansu Ciller, said Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerril las in northern Iraq had massed on the border. prompting Turkey to take the "necessary measures".

Iraq was un appropriate response to Saddam Hussein's incursion into Kurdistan.

Criticising the US sharply for the third time in two days, he said: "It's a very dangerous situation, a precedent for the future. If ... we have a superpower, be it the United States, Europe or Russia, acting on its own initiative to use violence in a region without consulting an international organisation, in this case the UN Security Council, there will be conflict."

Egyptian diplomats at the UN vesterday were reluctant to

back an Anglo-American attempt to draft a Security Council resolution that would condemn Iraq's offensive against the Kurds and also call for Iran to stop its involvement in northern Iraq: the Egyptians questioned why there was no mention in the draft of the US

Only Kuwait openly supported the US. Saudi Arabia maintained an official silence. A Western diplomat in Riyadh said: "[The Saudis] may well not want to respond if they can get away without making an

official statement." Despite other reactions, including downright hostility from some moderate Arab governments, Mr Clinton is currently basking in the usual initial public support for a president who uses American military power to

handle an international crisis. According to an ABC television poll yesterday, four out of five Americans approve of the attack, even though they are sceptical it will achieve much in the long run. Three quarters of them believe President Saddam will continue to violate the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire.

The White House also senses that for all the public disapproval, many critics may be secretly delighted at moves whose main effect is to make life safer for the vulnerable oil states of the Gulf.

But Britain is one of the few to say so in public. "We share the American analysis," Mr Portillo said, citing the threat to regional stability posed by President Saddam and his "proven propensity to invade the territory of his neighbours". If this provocation had gone unanswered, the Iraqi dictator would merely be emboldened to go further. Mr Portillo also endorsed vesterday's fresh strikes. Since Britain participated in enforcing the no-fly zone, a threat had been eliminated.



# Skilful Primakov squares up to West



Primakov: 'Catastrophic consequences'

PHIL REEVES

been surprised by Russia's condemnation of its attack on Iraq. but it may well have been startled by the strong language used by Yevgeny Primakov. Moscow's Foreign Minister. The assaults were "a very dangerous situa-tion" which could have "catastrophic consequences", he said. They could even lead to "anarchy" on the world scene.

This does not sound like the Mr Primakov that the Western world has come to know since he left his office as Moscow's chief spy master and took over from Andrei Kozyrev. In nearly eight months in office, he has established a reputation for coolness and restraint. Now, clearly, the gloves are off.

know well, and with justification. cal winds, quietly occupying the He has been involved with the centre ground under Brezhnev, Middle East for 30 years, as a journalist, an academic, a spy master, and a diplomat. Such is his knowledge of the territory – he speaks Arabic – that Mikhail Gorbachev dispatched him to Iraq before the Gulf war in an effort to mediate with Saddam Hussein. Russia has big strategic interests at stake in Iraq - including hopes for oil and gas deals - but Mr Primakov also

has a personal involvement. The initial reaction of the West when this enigmatic man took over the Foreign Ministry veered between disappointment and dismay. His curriculum vitae was that of a man who had manoeuvred cleverly to the top through all the right jobs. He

becoming more liberal under Mr Gorbachev, and more conservative under Boris Yeltsin. Such is his political flexibility

that it was believed he would have remained in office had the Communist, Gennady Zyuganov, beaten Mr Yeltsin in July's election. But Mr Primakov's four years in command of the foreign intelligence apparatus fuelled Western suspicions that he would turn out to be more hostile than his predecessor.

Detecting a nationalist mood in the country as he limbered up for an election campaign, Mr Yeltsin had sacked Mr Kozyrev because many Russians considered him to be too accommodating to the West. Mr

The Iraqi question is one owed his rise to his skill at adthat Mr Primakov can claim to justing to the prevailing politi- that the public noticed the change of guard. He talked of Russia restoring its "great pownationalists. And he spoke of the Arab world occupying a "considerable place" on Russia's foreign policy map.

Since then the rumblings of disapproval in the West have died down. There have been no dramatic foreign policy lurches, although tensions remain on several fronts - notably, Nato expansion into eastern Europe Yesterday Mr Primakov insisted Moscow's opposition was unchanged but committed him-

self to formalising Russia's relationship with Nato. This was the stance of a man with whom the West thinks it can work. His views of the US interference with Iraq are a different matter.

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# Strikes fail US policy aims

Middle East Correspondent

Behind this week's missile bombardments of Iraq lies one of the oddest of all US policies in the Middle East: "dual containment". Proposed by the former head of the Middle East desk at the United States National Security Council, Martin Indyk, the aim was to curb the power

of both Iraq and Iran. Israel had long advanced the ame thesis. Iraq and Iran - so Mr Indyk told his masters - were the opponents of "peace" in the region; their influence must be countered by American economic, political and military pressure. And US diplomats assiduously took this approach with the Gulf states: the greatest danger to their stability, they told the kings and emirs, came from Baghdad and Tehran. But this week's missile assaults

on Iraq seem to make America's stated Middle East policy a little more difficult to understand. Bombing the Iraqis who support the Kurds opposed to Iran - the Kurdish Democratic Party which invited Saddam Hussein's troops into Arbil gives kudos to Jalal Talabani, whose alliance with Iran seems

to grow stronger by the hour, Iran has deplored the US air strikes, but its Kurdish allies have been the principal beneficiaries of this week's American adventure. Many a glass of warm Pepsi must therefore next used against them?

have been raised in Tehran in support of President Bill Clinton's latest adventure. Perhaps even to Martin Indyk. Or did the Americans not realise they were involving themselves in the Kurdish civil war?

Mr Indyk is perhaps the most interesting figure in this whole process. He is now US ambassador to Israel but formally worked for Aipac - the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee - which lies at the heart of the Jewish lobby in the US. A committed Zionist, Mr Indyk co-founded the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, an Aipac satellite, and has always allied himself with the right-wing Israeli Likud party which won the elections last May. This, however, did not stop Mr Clinton appointing him ambassador to Israel where his advice to Yasser Arafat - after the March suicide bombings that slaughtered dozens of Israelis - was "to use

more stick and less carrot". The American "stick" is being used with ever greater frequency against Iraq and Iran; last year, Mr Clinton told an audience at a New York Jewish meeting that he would impose economic sanctions against Iran. Now the sword is pointing at Iraq. The Israelis are happy - providing of course, Saddam Hussein does not fire missiles at them. And Mr Indyk must be satisfied. What chance, the Iranians must be wondering, that the "stick" is

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Peace process: No breakthrough on Hebron, but talks viewed as a sign that Israeli-Palestinian relations are on the mend



Israeli troops from the West Bank city of Hebron. However, the mere fact of the meeting suggests Israeli-Palestinian relations, strained to breakingpoint since Mr Netanyahu was elected in May, may be healing The Israeli Prime Minister,

sing obstacles to resumption

After the encounter, at the

who once swore never to meet "that man" Arafat, had two conversations with the Palestinian President in one day. In the first, by telephone, Mr Arafat apol-

insults heaped on him in the Palestinian press. A columnist in Al-Ayyam newspaper said on Tuesday that Mr Netanyahu was "more Nazi than Hitler".

Netanyahu and

Arafat stage

Mr Netanyahu had said he would meet Mr Arafat only when he had something firm to announce or to discuss an urgent security problem. But yesterday's meeting involved neither. Afterwards, at a joint press conference, Mr Netanyahu said he would respect accords signed by the previous, Labour, government and was ready to negotiate a final peace agreement. Mr Arafat said the meeting would lead to a full-scale resumption of the peace process.

There was no public sign of warmth between the two men. who failed to look at each other. None the less, Israeli television repeatedly showed their handshake, the first formal recognition of Mr Arafat as a partner in peace by a Prime Minister from the Likud party. The two sides are said to be

close to agreeing on measures including redeployment in Hebron Mr Netanyahu refused to be drawn, saying this and other issues would be discussed in an Israeli-Palestinian steering committee. Mr Arafat said: "I have nothing to add, but to state that we will continue to negotiate and to co-ordinate in all efforts, by all means."

The handover of Hebron and removal of Israeli troops from most of the city is the most contentious immediate issue. Mr Netanyahu's coalition of rightwing and religious parties has said it wants to renegotiate the terms Labour agreed; Palestinian officials said they were willing only to discuss implementation of the existing deal.

Hardline members of the israeli coalition said the meeting betrayed Likud policy, but Mr Netanyahu insisted it was in line with his campaign pledges to replace the previous Palestinian negotiations with a tougher brand of "peace with security". Labour politicians and many Israeli civil servants will nevertheless take yesterday's summit as proof of what they had long predicted: that Mr Netanyahu would have to. in the short term, return to something like the Oslo peace process, because there was no

other viable course. Israeli officials said Mr Netanyahu had come to accept that Israel's security depends on cooperation with the Palestinian Authority (and that Mr Arafat has done a good - maybe too draconian - security job). Some form of Hebron deal, linked to wider access to Israel for Palestinian workers, may be possible in the near future.

The real problems will come in the medium or longer term, when Mr Netanyahu faces the core issues still undecided, such as the final status of the Palestinian authority, the future of Jerusalem and the final division International estimates that of the West Bank between Bujumbura as the economic to power on 25 July. Despite his more than 150,000 people have | Palestinian areas and Israeli settlements.

# Siege threat in Burundi as rebels target capital

Nairobi

Residents of the Burundian capital, Bujumbura, are bracing themselves for further attacks following the first outbreak of fighting in the city since last year.

Although the Tutsi-dominated army insists it has pushed back the Hutu rebels who lobbed moriar rounds at the university on Tuesday, many believe the city could soon become besieged in the manner of Sarajevo or Kabul.

Yesterday, a United States aircraft landed at the airport to pick up all "non-essential" American citizens remaining

who sought US diplomatic protection shortly before a military coup at the end of July, would be evacuated on the plane.

Violence has been escalating rapidly in the tiny central African nation since the army reinstalled Pierre Buyoya, an ethnic Tutsi, as president six weeks ago today. The main rebel group, the National Council for the Defence of Democracy (CNDD), already claims to be in control of the northern Kayanza region, the scene of heavy fighting in recent days. The rebels' growing confi-

dence has been demonstrated by their attack on a military post in in the capital. It was rumoured shombolast Tuesday, prior to this group has denied that it intends gotiations could begin. "If their that the ousted Hutu presi- they had restricted operations to to take the capital. dent, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, raids on Tutsi settlements and

ambushes on National Route 1, of pressure on Bujumbura", continue to fight. If what they Burundi's main road which runs through Kayanza.

Tutsis make up about 15 per cent of Burundi's 6 million inhabitants and Hutus 85 per cent. The CNDD, through its military wing, Forces for the Deone Western diplomat told The Independent. "There is no doubt they're better organised than they were, and that they can burt the army if they want to. They're waging real war now". In an effort to defuse the sit-

There is no doubt they can hurt the army. They're waging real war now

oya regime which suspended parliament and all political parties on assuming power. Despite the northern commune of Ga- this week's attack, the rebel

"The rebels are putting a lot the diplomat, "the rebels will

fence of Democracy (FDD), is uation, Mr Buyoya has offered fighting to overthrow the Buy- to talk to all armed groups opposing him if they guarantee to stop killing civilians. Previously, he had demanded that they lay down arms before any nepurpose is to seize power," said

want is power-sharing, then they are nearly in a position to have their demands respected". Mr Buyoya has also promised to restore the national assembly this month and to reinstate

political parties within three months. These are two of the conditions regional leaders say would have to be met for them to withdraw sanctions imposed on Burundi after the coup. "It's difficult to tell what the

reaction of neighbouring countries will be," said another Western diplomat. "Mr Buyoya's promises are a step in the right direction but they can hardly be seen a sufficient answer."

Fuel is now in short supply in

the country. Exports have been stalled by the embargo and many companies have had to lay off workers. Hutu farmers coming into the now-Tutsi town of Bujumbura to sell their produce are often turned back by the rebels. According to one report, peasants have had hands cut off

"There's been no electricity day or night in Bujumbura," said one aid worker in the capital. "A lack of transport has led to a shortage of basic medicines in many areas of the countryside. Food prices have also gone up.

for taking foodstuffs to market.

in some cases doubling". Burundi's junta stands accused of massacring thousands of Hutu civilians since coming

ister and his sacking of three controversial army officers, Mr Buyoya has failed to win over significant numbers of Hutus. Indeed, the largest political

party, Frodebu, was yesterday reported to have thrown its support behind the rebels. A spokesman said the party was now appealing to all Hutus to raily behind the CNDD. Such a development would mark a significant deviation in the will of the Hutu community to resolve the conflict peacefully. Burundi has been torn apart

by ethnic strife since its first freely elected president, Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutu, was assassinated in 1993. Amnesty blockade continues to strangle naming of a Hutu as prime min- lost their lives since then.

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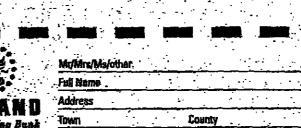
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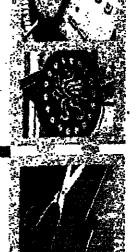
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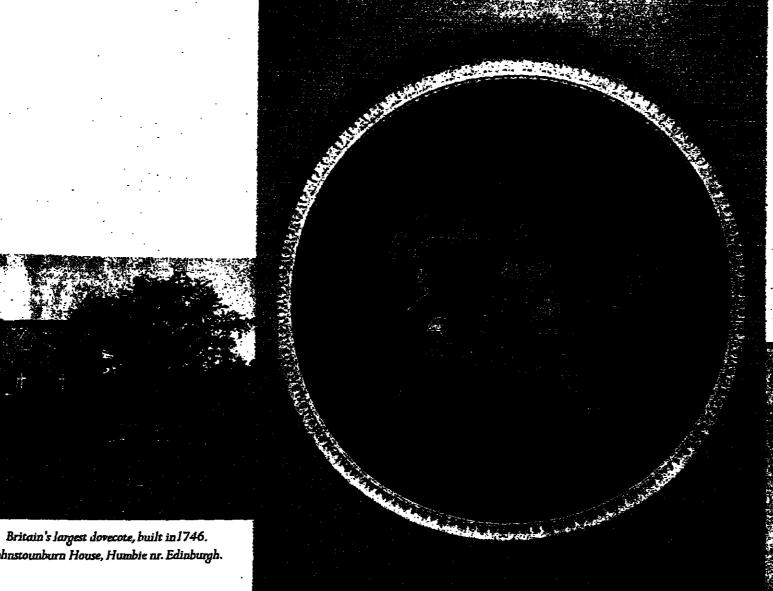
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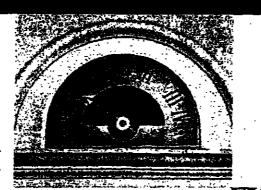
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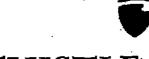


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MARY DEJEVSKY

# Where the TGV had its slow origins

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our summer trains series, tracks down of the first railway line in France

Andrézieux - There was only one living being waiting on Platform One for the 0929 to St Etienne and it was a large brown rabbit, nibbling tufts of grass that had grown between the cracks in the paving.

At Andrézieux station, on the edge of the small town centre, there is no stationmaster with cap, whistle and signal board. There is barely a station, only a one-time railway building. shuttered and boarded up, and one track. Another track ends abruptly, without buffers; traces of two others can be seen in the grass, but the rails are long gone.

working station are the new wooden bench and fence and a graffiti-covered ticket machine You can travel from here to the declining steel city of St Etienne and even on to Lyons but only twice a day, and only in the morning, when the train from Clermont-Ferrand stops.

This spot, in the upper Loire valley in what are now suburbs of St Etienne's conurbation, is all that remains of the earliest days of the French railway system. It was here that France, better known now for pioneering Europe's fastest train, the TGV, inaugurated its first railway, 21km long, on 30 June 1827. The first steam engine ran five years later, when a passenger service also started.

At 0925 on a Monday morning, the only other passenger, a camera-wielding tourist in green and purple, walked on to the platform. Three minutes later, a bell rang out, lights flashed on the level-crossing close by, and the 0929 came into view.

The two carriages were halffull: vocal Germans with ample luggage all over the seats, and a sprinkling of mostly young locals. For the next 16 minutes the train trundled along between its

in the latest in Mary Dejevsky the beginnings

embankments, with the skyline of St Etienne looming ever larger. From time to time you could see the Clermont-Ferrand -St Etienne motorway running alongside, bordered by industrial estates and shopping mall.

It was no one's fault that Trainsporting was advertised as St Etienne's main cinematic attraction, nor that the drizzle turned to rain, nor that the Mu-seum of Art and Industry. which charts the economic and social history of the city that once "manufactured everything", was shut for renovation. But it all set a certain mood, of The only signs that this is a a city competing against the orking station are the new odds, and not winning.

St Etienne was a city, like Sheffield, of steel and coal and cutlery, and, like Sheffield, it had to find other things to do when the steel industry contracted. Some of its metal skills now go into making the swords that won French fencers their Olympic medals, but most are not needed.

St Etienne's great coup of recent years was to be chosen as headquarters of France's biggest mail-order company, Manufrance. To mark its new status as white-collar, new-tech, service-orientated city, cleaned the soot off the buildings that line its ramrod-straight 19th-century streets and slapped a preservation order on "the old town". The most lively part of the centre, though, seemed to be around the tourist centre and cathedral. Not because either was much visited, but because they abut the large,

bustling social-security offices. At the tourist centre I asked for information about the history of the railways. "No, we don't have anything; try a bookshop," said the man. Then, almost as an afterthought, he added: "You know, St Etienne



Making connections: The station in Andrézieux, where in 1827 began the revolution that culminated in Europe's fastest train Photographs: Sipa thing', Andrézieux prefers to sell

railway," the hotel manager said. "You know, until a few

years ago, no one really paid any

had the first railway in France." It might have been the first, but it turned out to have a big drawback. Getting back to Andrézieux is not easy. A coach runs every couple of hours through the day, but to catch a train, you have to wait until the evening rush-hour.

If you miss the 1940, you must wait for the 2200 coach; after that, you must stay in St Etienne. And the fare for the round trip of 42km? The best part of 32 francs (£4).

That evening, the main rush-hour train, the 1806 from the biggest of St Etienne's five stations (two are now closed) was only sparsely occupied. The other passengers all seemed to be regular commuters on polite greeting terms. "Bon soir, Madame", "Bon soir, Monsieur", they said to each other as they got on, and then not an-

railway station, everyone was clustered in the cellar café.

It was cool and humid, not the weather for eating outside under the plane trees. Over eminently acceptable house Beauiolais, I confessed the reason for

'It's a funny thing about that

attention to it. I was working one summer at the tourist office and mentioned the railway to a friend. And you know what he said? He said that a great-grandfather of his



Over dinner at the hotel. The house that today stands on the site in Andrézieux barely 10 minutes walk from the of the original terminus for the country's first railway

drove the first train - from Andrézieux to St Etienne - and that he knew where the original station was."

"The original station?" I hazarded, worried that my whole day had been spent on the wrong railway line. "Well," he said, "it transpires that the original station was near the river and that a house was subsequently built on the site. We had a memorial plaque put up."

Next day, a drive to the town's tiny tourist office revealed quite a different Andrézieux - a town extended many times over the past 30 years, and based entirely on road and air transport. Three industrial estates produce all manner of goods from Renault gearboxes to biscuits; the airport has its own courier company and three passenger flights to Paris a day.

Better qualified now than St Etienne to describe itself as the town that "manufactures every- er to Roanne." change.
The reason is that, thanks to the proliferation of faxes, computer modems and mobile phones, France's 11-year-old system of eight-digit numbers is almost exhausted. The new sys-

itself as the "route centre to

The overgrown railway sta-

tion, though, looks destined to go the way of its predecessor,

the terminus of the first railway

line in France. This, it turned

out, had been built a mile or so

away from the later station and

was demolished in the last cen-

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With new railways and stations

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The plaque that now com-

memorates the station is above

a doorway of the 19th-century house that replaced it. Funded

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tem will have 10 digits, and - it is hoped - will provide sufficient capacity for the next 30 years. As of 18 October. France will be divided into five regions, each of which will have its own prefix - from 01 for Paris and the surrounding He de France, to 05 for the south west - to be

added to the existing numbers. The change will remove one of the oddities of the earlier system, which required the prefix 16 when dialling between

Paris and the provinces. France Telecom is using the opportunity to make two further innovations, both required by European Union regulations. In the first, also due in October, France will become one of the last EU countries to adopt 00 as the prefix for dialling abroad. And next February the emer-

gency number changes to 112. Explaining the change yesterday, the Telecommunications Minister, Francois Fillon. said that the eight-digit system had been expected to last only

The government anticipates further demand for numbers after deregulation in 1998, when some subscribers may forsake France Telecom for competing companies. It also wants to have sufficient capacity to offer the possibility of portable in 1989 by the local tourist of-fice, it says: "This is where France's first railway line was in-augurated in 1827, linking St Ettenne and Andrézieux. It was numbers for individual subscribers and, from 2001, to incorporate mobile phone numbers into the system.

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# Hungary's Jews look proudly at a gilt-edged future

Budapest — As a boy. Gusztav Zoltai kept a careful eye on what was going on above him whenever he attended services in Budapest's vast central synagogue. Hit by 27 bombs during the war, the building was in a perilous state and bits of of the Ark of the Covenant in loose plaster and slates were which will be placed the syna-prone to come crashing down. which will be placed the syna-gogue's original Torah scrolls. albeit into an improvised safety netting.

It was immensely sad to see such a magnificent building in such terrible condition." recalled Mr Zoltai, one of some 80,000 Hungarian Jews who survived the Holocaust. "Here was an important part of not only Hungarian, but world heritage and it was crumbling be-

fore our very eyes."
This afternoon, Mr Zoltai, head of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary, will join thousands of people expected to pack the synagogue the largest in Europe - to mark its official re-opening after five

This time when he looks above him he will marvel at the attract a further 5,000 on-lookgiant chandeliers and the ers. "This may be a time of ecopainstakingly restored ceiling nomic hardship in Hungary, panels. When he looks to the but the restoration of this build-

Adrian Bridge reports on the \$9m restoration of Budapest's synagogue

front, he will be dazzled by the gold leaf on the 26ft high facade of renewal," said Mr Zoltai. "It

This building symbolises the survival and continuity of the Jewish people," said Mr Zoltai, whose period of office has coincided with the fall of communism and a revival of Jewish culture. "It symbolises that Hitler came, but the Jewish people cannot be destroyed."

As a mark of the significauce attached to the synagogue, both within and beyond Hungary, the ceremony will be attended by former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his wife, the Hungarianborn US Congressman Tom Lantos and Arpad Goncz, the Hungarian President. In addition to the 3,000 seated participants, the occasion could should enrich everyone's lives." Originally opened in 1859, the synagogue was the focal point

of Hungary's thriving pre-war Jewish community. As a result of its size - 53 metres long by 26m wide and 26m high - it could hardly be missed. During the war, the syna-

gogue served as a place of refuge for Jews trying to escape forced labour and, later, concentration camps. When the Budanest ghetto was set up in late 1944, the building ran along one of its boundaries. After the war, although damaged, it continued to be used by the Jewish community, but under the communists was left to rot.

Of Hungary's pre-war Jewish population of \$00,000, only \$0,000 survived the war, some 20 per cent of these as a direct result of Raoul Wallenberg. the Swedish diplomat who established a number of safe houses for Jews in Budapest and



who disappeared mysteriously

after the conflict. Despite such losses, Hungary still boasted a relatively large Jewish community in comparison to those left elsewhere in central and eastern Europe. But while not persecuted for un-

der Hungary's post-war com-munist rulers, Jews preferred to keep a low profile.

The decision to restore the Dohany Street synagogue was taken two years after the fall of communism in 1989 when the Hungarian government agreed

to pay 80 per cent of the esti-mated 1.35 billion forint (\$9m) cost, with the remainder coming from the Hungarian Jewish community and international

Jewish organisations. The project has coincided with a steady revival of the Jew-

ish community in Hungary. With it, though, has come a return of more overt signs of anti-

To some extent anti-Semitism was suppressed during the communist era and its expression now can be seen as a nat-

ural part of the transition to democracy, said Rabbi Robert Fröhlich. "But it has not deterred our community. On the contrary, younger Jews are once again interested in exploring their Jewishness and in coming

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papanese doomsday cuit leader Shoko Asahara, whose trial for the poison gas attack on the Tokyo subway last year resumes tomorrow, is to be confronted by his followers in court. Mr Asahara is accused of ordering followers to release the deadly nerve gas sarin on rush-hour subway trains in March 1995. The attack killed 11 people and made 5,500 ill.

The Aum Shinri Kyo sect's doctor, Ikuo Hayashi, and Mr Asahara's lieutenant Yoshihiro Inoue, both accused of taking part in the subway attack, will testify on the role Mr Asahara played in the gassing. Reuter - Tokyo

Russia will return Liechtenstein's royal family archives - seized in the Second World War - in exchange for historical documents on the Bolshevik's execution of Czar Nicholas II, officials said. AP - Moscow

A 16-day strike by Zimbabwe's government workers appeared over yesterday, with civil servants returning to their jobs but threatening to walk out again if their demands were ignored.

According to the state news agency, the strike cost the government at least 1 billion Zimbabwe dollars (£66m) in uncollected revenue. The government agreed to back down from its decision to fire workers during the strike and earlier raised its pay offer from 9 to 29 per cent. AP - Harare

France plans a crackdown on the sexual abuse of children, Justice Minister Jacques Toubon said. A package of measures curbing sex tourism, pornographic material and messages on the Internet involving children will be announced on 20 November. Reuter - Paris

undreds of Vietnamese prostitutes, drug addicts, beggars and petty criminals were detained in an overnight blitz on "social evils" in Ho Chi Minh City last

week, an official in the city said.
"Over 1,900 were rounded up. This is the biggest campaign in more than 20 years," said the official at the anti-social evils department said. Reuter — Hanoi

South Pacific islands leaders decided to readmit

France to their annual discussions despite resentment
about past French nuclear testing in the region. France was dropped as a dialogue partner by the 16-nation South Pacific Forum last year after it went ahead with a six-test series in French Polynesia. AP - Majuro, Marshall Islands

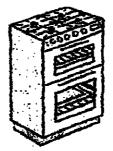
Bussia expelled two Swedes, one of them a senior Treported. Swedish authorities refused early comment on the affair. Reuter – Stockholm

Aspecies of pheasant thought to have become extinct has been rediscovered in central Vietnam, the World Wide Fund for Nature said. WWF country representative David Hulse said villagers in the forests of Bach Ma National Park caught a male and a female Edwards's pheasant last week. The last known capture of a live Edwards's was in 1928. Reuter - Hanoi

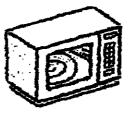
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# Tickle friends at Labour's cocktail party

ook at the company Labour is keeping these days. Or rather, look at the companies. Hundreds of them sent representatives to Labour's love-in with business yesterday. Furthermore, we hear rumours that several high-profile companies are planning to abandon their traditional allegiance to the Conservatives to woo Mr Blair instead.

It has been a long march from the banner-led rallies to the boardroom, Gallons of gastric juices have been spilt on white wine and prawn cocktails along the way. At last business is willing, if not yet entirely convinced.

But Mr Blair should beware the temptation to trim his policies any further to suit some notional business palate. Labour's economic and industrial policies are broadly sensible and good for business. If industrial and financial leaders are still hostile to new Labour, it is because they are too cautious, or too prejudiced, or because they fear that old Labour is waiting in the wings. It would be a mistake for Labour to compromise on the few remaining policies that the business community actively dislikes (such as the minimum wage) just to try and boost business support further.

Official party policy, and the warm words emanating from Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, should be encouraging for business. Governments serve the private sector best if they promote steady cycles that destroy so many good com-panies. Gordon Brown's statements about inflation targets, and the borrowing rules he would follow, are as promising as anyone could expect from an opposition party, and are close to the Government's official position too.

Where Labour has attempted to differentiate itself - on education and skills business should have even more to hope for. As more and more economic activity depends on human capital rather than physical capital, businesses will benefit from any improvements in the skill base of the nation.

In Europe too, the absence of a belligerent Euro-sceptic tone (so far) within the Labour Party should be reassuring for exporters. In contrast, the Conservative right's antagonism to Europe could jeopardise British companies' ability to compete in a single European market. Even on red tape, that obsession of small businesses, Labour is making the right noises about avoiding new regulations, and refusing to turn back the clock on

trade union legislation. In spite of all this sensible stuff, many senior industrialists and financiers remain unconvinced. They may be less willing to criticise Labour openly these days, they may even want to shake hands with Mr Blair, or go to lunch with Mr Brown, to press their particular cause. Tony Blair is attracting the pals of power. But these are fickle friends. growth and avoid the chaotic boom-bust Behind the lunches and the lobbying



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often lies a resolute Conservative supporter. Few senior business leaders are yet prepared to mark their cross beside the Labour candidate next year, Even at yesterday's much-heralded conference, big business leaders were not much in evidence; they had sent along their public relations people instead.

Faced with such persistent scepticism, new Labour may feel tempted to adapt a few other policies too, just to win a bit more private-sector support. That troublesome minimum wage, for example: just think what a fuss small firms and retailers make about it - it could be toned down a little further, or

delayed a little longer. Mr Blair should resist such pressures. A minimum wage, set at a sensible level, is essential protection for the poorest of workers and for the taxpayer's pocket. Moreover, many companies are gradually coming round both to the minimum wage and to the supposedly reviled Social Chapter.

Many of the business leaders who still resist Mr Blair's charming smile will never be persuaded by an opposition Labour Party. Perhaps they are too deeply prejudiced to associate red roses with anything other than thorns. Or perhaps they are just cautious and will wait

to be convinced by Labour in government. Many of our most senior industrialists are driven by self-interest, too; they include the so-called "fat cats", whom Labour plans to deprive of their executive share options. Personal financial circumstances, and the natural distaste that highly paid people have for the risk of higher taxes, may have more to do with their attitude to Labour than any of the party's broad economic policy.

But Mr Blair has one weak point that business leaders are right to worry about: the rest of his party. Most Labour MPs are a lot less anti-business than they were a decade ago - but they cannot yet be described as pro-business. Emerging from a tradition that viewed profit as the proceeds of exploitation, and competition as something nasty and distasteful, many still instinctively shy away from business and the market.

Even the business men and women who do not fear a Labour government say they worry about a Labour landshide in case it encourages Mr Blair to accommodate his more left-wing colleagues. They are wrong: actually a landslide would give Blair the power to pursue his own agenda. But their anx-

iety is powerfully felt.

The Labour leader has a real and important task to persuade the rest of his party to embrace the pro-business attitude that he has genuinely adopted. Beyond that, he should be confident in his position, not daunted by the con-

servatism of the financial and industrial establishment. In fact, he should even be prepared to take them on, in the name of good business and a prosperous economy, by developing the stakeholding ideas he raised last January. If new Labour can build a corporate strategy that discourages short-termism, while avoiding red tape and corporatism, it will have found a programme that is good for business and good for Britain, whether or not it receives the assent of a few thousand bosses.

### Rattle in the high street

The Last Night of the 1995 Proms saw the mixed reception of Harrison Birtwhistle's, Panic. You could have substituted Webern or Schoenberg and got pretty much the same response - musical modernism is unpopular. So Sir Simon Rattle has set himself a formidable challenge by presenting a new television series intended to redeem 20th-century orchestral music. He and his City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, as he proved again this week at the Royal Albert Hall, can make the most strenuous music compelling. If it takes a star to sell Stockhausen to the high street, he's

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### Why women have less time to spare

Sir: In her article about the New Man ("Where do all the New Men go?", 2 September) and in particular in quoting our data on the respective time budgets of fulltime-working men and women. Polly Toynbee raises some profoundly important points, a couple of which deserve amplification.

First, there are indeed these very large differences in the discretionary free time available to working men and women, but why exactly? One hypothesis is that it reflects the intransigence of men. But we know from other work that male interest in many traditional female domains – for example food and in the upbringing of their children - is increasing.

The reconciliation could be that there is "interest" without action. and that whilst it is no longer beneath male dignity to demand a particular brand of grocery product or to express a point of view on the education of their children, it is still beyond their capacities to do the shopping, attend the meetings with teachers or to supervise the homework.

Another possibility is alluded to by Polly Toynbee, namely that the wife/mother/worker is reluctant to cede control over a power base and is thus preventing the participation by eager, willing and able males in the domestic sphere.

Neither in our consulting work nor in our pure research have we had occasion to discover which of these hypotheses is closest to the truth. For policy purposes it is important that we should know.

A final point not really discussed by Polly Toynbee is the consequences of the double or triple foading of responsibilities on females. First, and most obviously, the rise in stress-related diseases among women indicates that the load is taking its toll.

Second, and less widely rehearsed, the people to whom the working mother does seem prepared to turn to relieve at least some of the pressure are the child's grandparents. Three-generation activities are increasing. We also know from our consulting work that the phenomenon of the "granny school pick-up" is

developing apace.

The consequence is that there is a significant number of the current generation of children subject to extended family influence - just at the time when our sociology was telling us that such a phenomenon was a thing of the past. BOB TYRRELL

The Henley Centre London ÉC4

### Gas company is bubbling well

Sir. I refer to your article on Eastern Natural Gas ("Eastern set to lose millions in dash for gas", 2 September). In a fiercely competitive market Eastern Natural Gas (ENG) has achieved very significant growth, with nurnover rising from £1m in 1992 to in excess of £200m by the end of September 1996. Since its inception five years ago, ENG has traded profitably. In 1996, we will also

trade over a billion therms of gas. We are now the largest independent gas supplier in the country and continue to seek new customers in every sector. We are

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"Question: a man has two dogs, I buy one dog, how many dogs does the man have?"

signing up 250 new customers a week in the industrial/business

market. As a result of the growth of ENG the historical "take-or-pay" contracts are a small percentage of sales. This makes Eastern Natural Gas different from its competitors, who are largely selling gas purchased before the fall in the spot market last year. ENG now has gas costs significantly below its

major competitors.
What Chris Godsmark fails to grasp is the unique size and integrated nature of Eastern Group. Eastern is extremely well positioned to lead and effectively compete in the newly emerging gas JF DEVANEY

Executive Chairman Eastern Group plc

### Thousands of smokers stop

Sir: Dr Vivienne Nathanson of the BMA suggests I am "wriggling" on the notion of tobacco being addictive (Letters, August 29) and she refers to the BMA's own booklet for members which I instanced, now telling us that advice contained therein not to use the word "addiction" is only there because of the disheartening

message the word conveys. Yet within the booklet the text goes on to say that "a balance needs to be struck, acknowledging the potential difficulties of stopping as well as the ease with which many smokers manage to stop". It makes clear that 2,000

smokers a day give up.
I might add that the vast majority

### Radio voice for the regions

of those smokers stop without the aid

of patches, hypnotherapy, courses, books, or any other aid. This is why we say we find it hard to accept that

with 11 million ex-smokers in this

country, tobacco can be classed as

Dr Nathanson appears to think.

Sir: We deeply regret that pressure on Medical Research Council units

to attract commercial funding has

contemplation, let alone acceptance

Tobacco ("PR head suspended in tobacco cash row", 29 August). Sir Austin Bradford Hill and Sir

Richard Doll, distinguished former directors of the MRC Biostatistics

Unit, led the research team in the

1950s and 1960s whose work was

seminal in defining the enormous

harm to health caused by cigarette

From personal experience we

endorse the praise reported by Nicholas Timmins of Mary Rice's

singular contribution to public relations at the Medical Research

Council, That her sound advice was

not heeded on this occasion will, we

trust, be soon righted and her position vindicated by the council.

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In passing, I am not from BAT, as

addictive in the sense that most

people understand the word.

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Sir: While naturally pleased with the overall message of your leader "Let's turn up support for our national voice" (24 August), I was disappointed to read your reference to BBC local radio as an example of something the BBC

does badly. Some seven million people listen to BBC local radio stations in England each week, making it one of the BBC's most popular radio services. Moreover, during the 1990s BBC local radio has focused on being a speech-led service of comprehensive local news, current affairs information and discussion, enabling it to provide a truly distinctive and valued role in the local radio marketplace at a time when the commercial sector is predominantly offering music. MARK BYFORD Director of Regional Broadcasting

Sir: I am happy to assure Jan Morris (letter, 3 September) that there is no foundation whatsoever in the suggestion that BBC Radio Cymru is to be "abolished". Indeed, our commitment to Radio Cymru was underlined last year when the station underwent a major relaunch in order to attract the widest possible range of Weish speakers and so ensure its survival into the 21st century. GERAINT TALFAN DAVIES Controller, BBC Wales

London WI

Cardiff

### A real measure of prosperity

Sir: You argue (Business comment, 30 August) that the search for a better measure of national prosperity than GDP is futile. You do not have to be much of

an economist to know that GDP cannot tell the difference between good product and bad product, nor between warm and cold weather. If for example we gave up road accidents and their consequent costs, GDP would be lower and we would apparently be less prosperous. Similarly, if in a warm winter we spend less on fuel and woollies, the fall in GDP would indicate that we are the "poorer"

You gave quite a lot of space to

the Human Development Index in the 1996 Human Development Report published by the United Nations Development Programme. This index incorporates life expectancy and education as well as GDP per head, and might well be thought a better indication of real prosperity. Then you can have an ncome-disparity index, and a gender-disparity index. You can measure increase or decrease of natural capital resources. And so

None of these measures is perfect or definitive, but attempts to refine them do not deserve your thuggish dismissal as "ridiculous"

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### Paving the way for pedestrians

Sir. The most effective way of giving pedestrians priority over traffic (Letters, 3 September) is to combine the concepts of road crossing and road hump by paving intersections to the same level and with the same materials as the adjacent pavement.

A local authority having the vision to do this wherever possible, as part of a five- to 10-year strategy, to create a safe, convenient and continuous pedestrian network would enable all its citizens to "reclaim the streets". In particular, children, who are increasingly denied the opportunity of getting about on their own because of parental fears about vehicles driven at unsafe speeds, could have this basic freedom returned to them.

The findings of the recent P Studies Institute study Speed Control and Transport Policy suggests that the time loss to drivers on most journeys would be Dr MAYER HILLMAN The Policy Studies Institute

## Believers' duty

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Shelter can still

be indignant

path-breaking role as a

Sir: I was pleased by Andreas Whittam Smith's recognition

(article, 2 September) of Shelter's

campaigning charity in the 1960s, and that the need for Shelter is still

government funding are too cynical

statutory funding wherever this is

values. This money - inevitably and

properly - comes with conditions

activities defined in the contract.

Yet this does not limit our freedom

to use money given by our donors

to campaign against government policies which we believe are

Last week Shelter took the

the High Court over the

prevent changes to the

wners and tenants.

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Department of the Environment to

withdrawal of bousing for asylum

seekers. We have campaigned to

believe to be damaging. We have

strongly and publicly opposed cuts

homelessness laws which we

in investment in affordable

Our experience is that

housing and the withdrawal of

government ministers and civil

servants understand that we will

as a lever to control what we say. CHRIS HOLMES

not compromise our beliefs - and

do not try to use statutory contracts

benefit payments for both home

that it must only be used for the

as great to tackle the different housing problems of the 1990s.

However, I believe his

arguments on the danger of

and pessimistic. We welcome

consistent with our aims and

to the young Sir: Mr Stopes-Roe (Letters, 3 September) makes a common error. He assumes that the start positions of "God" and "no God" can be treated as having the same

I think an analogy can be drawn with the belief that there is traffic moving along a road which children may wish to cross. If there really is no traffic, then it makes no difference whether children are taught to look both ways, or that they can stumble across the road looking at their boots. If in reality there is traffic they must be taught

only the first option.
Those who believe in God cannot allow themselves the luxury of teaching the young that it makes no difference whether they believe or stumble on regardless.

J RICHARD PATER Kendal, Cumbria

### Jury rationing

Sir. It might help Margaret Withers (letter, 3 September) and many others if jury service were rationed. I have been called four times, and am eligible for several more before being disqualified by age. The first occasion is instructive, leaving an admiration for our legal system. Further periods can be a burden and could surely be more usefully and fairly distributed. As for eliminating the useful contribution which the over-70s could make. does not this amount to "selection"? EILEEN BODEN Wembley Park, Middlesex

### American Milton

Sir: Peter Ackroyd's novel Milton in America ("Paradise rediscovered". 31 August) has John Milton fleeing England soon after the Restoration, taking ship to Puritan New England and founding a community called New Milton. He would not have needed to found New Milton, since Milton - named after him - was just getting off the ground, Milton, Massachusetts, was founded in 1662 and is now an attractive and affluent suburb of

ALICE H BIRD Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire

# Scotland the thwarted

Tony Blair says he is committed to the early establishment of an Edinburgh parliament. But Ian Bell argues that he has changed his mind and now intends to sabotage home rule

et us pretend, just for the sake of argument, that Tony Blair is not entirely trustworthy. Let us assume, just as a bit of fun, the insultingly ridiculous: that the Labour leader could ever be capable of saying one thing while intending the opposite. Then let us consider

Scotland, we may guess, is not the word carved on Mr Blair's heart, but its future is a subject close to that magnificent organ, or so he says. The leader is committed to the speedy creation of a Scottish parliament for several reasons. First, it is the unfinished business of John Smith, his honoured predecessor. Secondly, it coheres with his ambitions for wider constitutional reform. Most important of all, a majority of Scots want it, and want it

So far, so good. Scotland is not a place where Blair needs to win many hearts or (there are a few) minds. It is solidly Labour, if generally of the ancien variety. Given even a modest majority, Prime Minister Tony could impose a threeline whip on a one-line Scotland bill and encounter only modest protests from a few Tory Scots. (Sane Scottish Conservatives, it is worth pointing out, regard an Edinburgh par-liament as the best chance available of restoring their fortunes.

Threats of a rebellion from their lordships need not be taken seriously. Were things otherwise the entire Labour programme - the reform of the upper house in particular would be at the mercy of the gerontocracy. No one believes that. Grumbling English Labour MPs would meanwhile be sent to trial by loyalty oath, much as Scottish "rebels" (guilty of rebelling in favour of party policy) have faced recently. In any case, England can have regional government if it wishes: what, precisely, is

And so, at the twitch of a magic wand, our prince could do just what he says he wants to do. The Opposition would oppose, because oppositions do, but democracy would be served, government improved, and the fabric of the British state given some overdue, nearinvisible mending. The Scots might even be grateful, though

don't bank on it. But none of this will happen, for reasons familiar and bizarre. First, Blair decided, without consulting his Scottish tribes (there's devolution for you), that a referendum was necessary. Shadow Scottish Secretary George Robertson had the very same notion, all on his own, but whether he had it before or after the leader made his decision is a point best left to parapsychologists.

For good measure, Blair announced that a matter this weighty descreed two questions, not one, three, or 33. The proposal that a Scottish parliament be permitted to vary the rate of tax by up to 3p in the pound was so important - unlike, say. Chancellor Brown's first budget - that it required its own question. All this, said loyalists confident of the public's supreme indifference to the

It is one of those arguments that sounds valid until you ask yourself why no one thought of it before. The simple answer, dishonest or not, is that some politicians never, ever do anything so stupid. There have been no referenda on VAT, Trident, the monarchy, MPs' pay or anything else about which the public might turn out to be a touch sceptical. Everyone accepts that governments need revenue; everyone wishes they would find someone else to supply it. In any political sense the tax question is a dumb

We are supposed to believe that Blair thinks otherwise. He promises he will campaign "personally" (there's another way?) for the so-called "double yes". He even thinks he can deliver that outcome. Remember, Tony Blair never promises what he cannot deliver, and he never says anything he does not mean. He said so.

At the twitch of a magic wand, our prince could do just what he says he wants to do. But he won't

workings of the constitution, would "entrench" devolution. Naturally, it would also confound the Tories.

The trouble is, they don't sound too confounded. Some have had the gall to suggest that Blair has acquired cold feet, that he doesn't want the tax power, may not even want the parliament, and that it was no accident that he confused the issue in masterful style. Worse, a significant portion of the Scottish Labour Party has been drawn to the same, shamefully disloyal conclusion, belatedly realising that shadow chancelfor Brown has a thing about

But people get uneasy about opposing referenda; it's not done. Tories who would never dream of offering Scots any sort DIEDISCITE (VOTES AL poll tax had to be registered by means of court orders, you'll recall) now enjoy asking why Labour's rebels are afraid of facing the people. If a parliament without taxation powers is better suited to Legoland than Edinburgh, why not put tax to the vote?

Back among the rebels, there is no such inspiring confidence. Having accepted the principle of a referendum (see how they bounce), they have been working throughout the summer to ensure that it contains only one simple question. After all, how many Scots remain who have not heard Labour say it wants an Edinburgh parliament with taxation powers? Vote for the parliament and you vote for

Given his remarkable candour in all things, and despite the ill-feeling the issue has caused in the party, it is hard to understand why Blair does not agree, but he does not. Last week, however, he stated candidly that if the Scottish Labour executive overturned the twoquestion plan he would overrue mem. ( Flow much o tion can one party stand?) He didn't actually say why, but later he made a few telephone

calls, just to be on the safe side. Thus invigorated, the executive met at Stirling at the week-end to get themselves out of the hole their leader had hewn. Then they commenced to dig,

and kept on digging until they struck compromise. That, at least, is what they are now calling it, mostly because they have

It is a brilliant idea (if you happen to be Tory). It is typically Labour (if you happen to be a Nationalist). It is moving evidence of how rebellious some people can be when their principles are at stake (but not if they are members of Labour's Scottish executive)! The twoquestion plebiscite remains: Blair wins. But there is a twist. Now a new Scottish parliament must on no account use its tax powers until it has called yet a further referendum.

Which is to say that Blair and his colleagues, desperate for devolution, have erected five (count them) hurdles in the way of a tax-raising Scottish parlia-ment: a vote in a general elec-tion, a referendum question on the principle of home rule, a vote on taxation, elections to a Scottish parliament, and then another referendum on the use of the tax power, just to make doubly sure it never becomes an issue in anyone's mind.

This mind, for one, is to be entered for an Arts Council boggling award. Blair has called the executive's decision mature", leaving us to wonder what he really thought of the policy established by John Smith. Once there was a Scottish Question; now there is a clutch of quibbles, and John Major is making the most of it.
The constitution is one of the

Prime Minister's pet issues, one which (he imagines) helped him win the last general election. In Glasgow for a fund-raising dinner this week, he was prompt with his alliterative insults, describing Labour's plans as a "steeplechase of stu-pidity". He refused to say if the Tories would accept devolution should Scots vote for it (Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth has said they would) but managed a fairly effective demolition of a "botched" scheme. Given the Tories' cent) this amounts, however, to little more than harmless fun, at least in Scottish terms.

Then again, as both Major and the Scottish National Party realise, Labour's executive has done their work for them. A gift horse is running in the stupid-ity stakes. In what is fast beginning to resemble a repeat of the Seventies, the Nationalists are gaining ground while Labour falters, having piled on six points in the latest System 3 poll - a poll taken, moreover, before last weekend's debacle in Stirling. Labour are still 19 points clear (48 to the SNP's 29) but the Nationalists could not have asked for a better time, or excuse, to stage one of their periodic revivals.

It is possible, just about, to describe this comedy as a thing of simple errors. Certainly the fact that the fate of the entire devolution campaign, not to mention the credibility of the Scottish Labour Party, was left in the hands of one prospective

parliamentary candidate looks like a fairly big mistake in anyone's terms. Nevertheless, it was Mohammad Sarwar, the candidate for Govan, who alone cooked up the baffling compromise that Robertson and Blair were only too delighted to accept. What does

that tell us? At the very least, it says very little for the fabled efficiency of New Labour, never mind its grasp of political realities. More importantly, it raises some fairly profound questions about Blair's leadership. If this was an example of astuteness. Labour supporters in Scotland would probably risk being spared fur-ther outbreaks of cleverness. If this was a consequence of his

vaunted toughness, the people in his slipstream might begin to ask themselves just where

toughness is leading them. But there is a bigger worry, and one that is now common-

cluding, has set himself to sabotage serious devolution. He has probably succeeded. place in Scotland: that despite Given the hurdles, it seems

Blair and his colleagues, desperate for devolution, have put five hurdles in the way of a tax-raising Scottish parliament

all he has said, the Labour leader does not always mean what he says. The chain of events since the first referendum plan was launched 10 weeks ago seems altogether but they will begin to do so in

government. The consequences

of that fact have yet to sink in.

teristically ham-fisted, to be

accidental. Blair, many are con-

inconceivable now that Scotland will achieve anything meaningful under a Labour

George Robertson has been discovering this week, even Labour's famously loyal Scottish supporters have their limits. A plan that is near-impossible to explain, far less to enact, is a very bad plan.

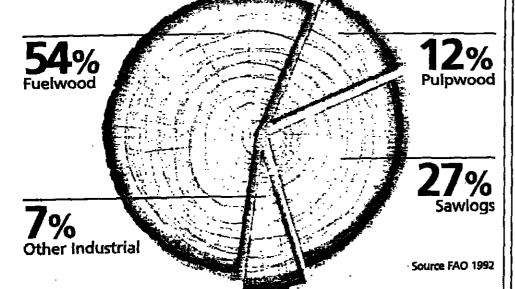
to the next general election. As

Understandably enough, opponents have taken to describing this as a dog's breakfast. In reality, the alimentary throughput of Fido's petit dejeuner bears a closer resemblance to what Blair has deposited on Scotland's doorstep. The pup has now been sold. Next stop: Downing Street.

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# A coming-together of ensembles

The way people write menus evolves as fast as the way cooking evolves, perhaps even faster.

I don't mean the way people actually use handwriting on menus, although even that changes from time to time. In modern days, it has become more and more usual to employ an angular Italic script on menus, which looks ever so calligraphic but does make the deciphering of the menu that much harder, as all the tail letters tend to resemble each other, as do the small ones at a lower level, and the handwriting ends up as an LS Lowry drawing of a line of people walking into the wind. This means that when you find something on the menu masquerading as "putrid wallet", it takes a moment to interpret it as "panfried mullet", or indeed to decode "Tall soup with logarithms" as "Thai

But the actual language of menus is changing as well as their handwriting. Not just in the introduction of words like "panfried", which is a puzzling word, because you can't fry

soup with lemongrass".

things anywhere but in a pan, so why not just say "fried"? Nor in the gradual invasion of words like "coulis" and "sabayon", which have come from some dictionary known only to chefs and menu-writers and mean nothing to the ordipary public. No, I don't mean just those foolishnesses. I mean the way in which dishes are increasingly being given personalities of their own.

I first noticed it in the addition of the phrase "with its", as in "Roast guinea fowl with its accompanying chestnut and sage sauce". Why do they always say with its accompanying chestnut and sage sauce"? Why not just say "Roast guinea fowl with chestnut and sage sauce"? It means the same and is shorter. Why bother to say with its accompanying sauce, as if the guinea fowl had turned up at the kitchen that night with a suitcase full of its own sauce? It sounds like one of those announcements they make at grand balls, when the footman takes a name and

says loudly: "The Archbishop

Carey!", as if the wife or part-

Canterbury, with Mrs

ner was a piece of designer luggage. Or perhaps it is like one of

those notices you get outside French towns which are trying to tempt passing tourists to stay, and which list the attractions right there on the town sign. "Issy-les-Deux-Tours ses moulins, son chateau, son marché!". Issy-les-Deux-Tours. with its accompanying mills and castle and market ... Roast guinea fowl, with its fabulous chestnut and sage

In any case, I now realise that the menu habit is different from the French town habit, because it is definitely developing sexual overtones. No longer do people say

"Roast guinea fow) with its accompanying chestnut and sage sauce". They have now started saying things like "A duo of roast guinea fowl and chestnut and sage sauce", or even "A rendezvous of roast guinea fowl and chestnut and sage sauce". You must have noticed it too. Words like "duo" and "rendezvous" are all over the menus these days, and if they don't have sexual overtones. I'll eat my hat with a duo of its scarf.

There was a time when menu-writing only had overtones of haute couture, and painting and decorating. Things had their dressing and coating, or were encased or wrapped in coatings. Indeed I have even seen things on a menu "draped" in other things, but I think "coated" was always the favourite word, perhaps because you can use coats both in haute couture and in interior decor. Whenever I read on a menu that a fillet of turbot, say, had been panfried and then coated in yoghurt and sprinkled with sesame sceds", I always had a vision of something being given a fresh lick of

paint and then pebbledashed. But now all the painting and decorating, and dressing and tailoring, is over. The steaks have been trimmed. The portions have been dressed. Let the partnerships take place. Let the banns be read. Let the duos and the rendezvouses break out all over the menu. Let mango cohabit with coriander, let tomato lie down with mint, let lime go with

iemongrass ... Do you think I am going too far? But don't forget that the language of the menu has always been partly sexual. Don't forget that things have always been served (an ambiguous word in itself) on a bed of other things. Don't forget that chefs are getting younger and younger and that this must be reflected sooner or later in the menu. The fact that people like me now start blushing as soon as they start reading modern menus will not affect progress. I shall just have to get used to it. I suppose I should be grateful that it is only duos and rendezvouses appearing on our menus, and

not ménuges à trois or orgies,

the commentators

um things, literary festivals. Nobody knows why people go to them. (To meet bookish, stay-at-home types like themselves? A logical impossibility. To listen to politicians pretending to be keen on Trollope? A horrible prospect. To acquire a signed copy of the recently remaindered first poetry collection by someone you have hitherto never heard of? I expect that's it.) Not a single on-stage someone you have hitherto never heard of?

I expect that's it.) Not a single on-stage insight into the creative process has been knowingly offered by a writer or gleaned by an audience since the lit-fest thing began at Cheltenham in 1949. No increased icvels of writer-reader understanding have been recorded during "signing sessions" in draughty tents or hastily co-opted "bookshops". Yet these curious excursions from shops". Yet these curious excursions from the private act of reading to the public debate, accompanied by cheers, micro-phoned contributions from the floor and lashings of wine, have become the biggest

growth industry in literary circles, though their significance remains a mystery.

Until now, that is. At Dartington Hall in Devon, where I passed a blissful weekend at the "Ways With Words" festival (sponsored by us, naturellement), it all suddenly fell into place. Despite the presence denly fell into place. Despite the presence of poets, novelists, thriller writers and thespians, the central dynamic wasn't about lit-

pians, the central dynamic wasn't about in-erature at all. It was about psychotherapy. Everywhere you looked, it was Shrinks Ascending. Adam Phillips, the curly-barneted child psychiatrist with the gnomic prose style and the fancy titles (On Kissing, Tickling and Being Bored) was grilled



JohnWALSH

A mystery solved. What are literary festivals for? All became clear at Dartington Hall last weekend ...

about his writings and retreated behind a and a forest of hands rose. Could 72 per wall of baffling pronouncements, at least one of which turned the apprehension of lary time-obsessives? Or did they just literature into a kind of creative inattention ("Reading for me is like thinking - I'm not aware of doing it, and I forget it immediately. I can't remember if they catch the whale in Moby Dick, though I've read it a

dozen times" Ruth Rendell submitted to Anthony Clare's analytical embrace in a bookish version of In the Psychiatrist's Chair, but failed to reveal anything about why she was so keen on wrecked and desolate characters. She did, however, reveal two suggestive things: that she was an only child, and that she was a stickler for punctuality. On an impulse, Dr Clare asked the ranks of

cent of the audience really have been soli-tary time-obsessives? Or did they just want to star in the next Rendell chiller?

But it was the Doris Lessing experience that really decamped with the digestive. Ms Lessing, a writer of steely and uncompromising mien, is famously unimpressed by people who ask about how much of her fiction is autobiography. Yet for an hour on stage, tactfully steered by Jan Dalley (my glamorous opposite number from the *Independent on Sunday*), Lessing talked happily away about the personal feelings behind her new novel, Love Again, which concerns a woman falling cataclysmically in love in her sixties. Doris couldn't be drawn to name names, but her dis-Ruth fans if they shared either condition, paragement of inconvenient passion

made the audience swoon with empathy. Even when she demanded, with the bitterness of hindsight: "I mean, what is for? What is the use of love?", she got a reply. "It's very good for you physically," said a pert thirtysomething at the back of the hall, "it makes my hair shine." "How odd this is," commented Jan Dalley. "Nobody seems to want to ask anything about literary form ...".



Extraordinary how the right setting ennobles the things that are said. Virtually any sentiment, however banal, uttered in the

Great Hall at Dartington instantly takes on the force and quality of myth, so grand is the circumambient architecture. The mile-high roof with bare timber beams, the El Cid banners like dangling magic carpets, the blackened grate approxi-mately the size of a railway station, the vast blank marble wall against which the speakers declaim their stuff - it's like a dream of the medieval "mead-hall" through which, it was said, a sparrow's flight represented man's life (at least it is when you've consumed enough of the festival's excellent House White). You could read the list of vitamins on a box of Cherrios and it would come out sounding like Gormenshast

Another extraordinary thing you encounter is the unmistakable whill of bust. Amid the ranks of arty ladies painting the noble towers in watercolours, the female philosophy dons in their kiss-mequick cardigans and the phalanx of burly men crashed out on the greensward like fallen warriors, an unusual heat seems to build up at the languorous end of summer. "Look at the dreamboat over there in the Rapunzel locks," remarked a passing back to The Indie's David Aaronovitch. "I wonder if by any chance she's anxious to get into journalism?" "Not half as anxious," replied Aaronovitch smartly, "as journalism is to get into her."

Remember Irina Ratushinskaya? The Russian dissident poet with the schoolgirl looks and the beauty spot, jailed for four

years in a Soviet labour camp, where she wrote in her head the verses that become the John Majorishly-titled Grev is the Colour of Hope, was a big hit at Darring. ton. She told stories of her homeland and received a standing ovation. My favourite one was about the encounter between a Western friend and the people of Chechnya. The friend ran a harmless travelling puppet theatre, amusing children in purpose theads, aniusing eniuren in towns and villages in the former Soviet Union (this was pre-1989). Nobody, unfortunately, advised her about the hard men of the soon-to-break-away republic. The puppeteers drove into town, hired a theatre, advertised their performance and set up the show. Just performance and set up the snow. Just before it started, one of the performers peeped through the curtains and saw, not ranks of expectant children, but a score of grimly unsmiling, hairy-mugged Chechens holding guns. As the show got under way, the theatre manager, hitherto all smiles, appeared, looking frantic.
"You must get away," he said, "At the interval, gather all your stuff and get in my van. Otherwise they will shoot you in the second act." The puppeteers did as they were told, drove hell for leather, heard some wild rifle shots and escaped with only a few bullet holes in the screen. What had gone wrong? "In Chechnya," explained the manager, "the wolf is a sacred animal, wild and free. The most unclean animal is the swine. I did not realise your puppet show would be The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf."

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# Abused by tinkering fools

Public art, once a symbol of national pride, has become more a source of embarrassment than an inspiration to the British people

idiot councillors of that distinguished old spa town painted a street red, beige and green in order, as they usually put it. "to brighten the place up a bit". It rained; the new, high-tech, French paint failed to dry and shoppers left sticky, tutti-frutti footprints all over the place. Good.

Meanwhile, there is the superficially unrelated matter of André Durand who paints really bad pictures of the Royal Family. One showed Prince



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William and Harry wearing haseball caps. Another showed an almost naked Diana tiptoeing through the waves on a glass globe. His latest, apparently, shows Diana again, this time eating with her two sons in Pizza Express.

The link between the two is the way the public realm here has become a serious embar-rassment. Nobody knows what to do with it, so noble traditions are abandoned to be abused by tinkering fools. Town planning becomes street daubing, royal portraits become glib cartoons. In Hyde Park appalling new gates honouring the Queen Mother assault the eye. The Barbican attempts to add symbolic weight to its manneristbrutalist arts centre by adorning it with distasteful gold statues. Only in Trafalgar Square where the last plinth remains gloriously empty does a certain tact and honesty prevail - if you've

arrogate had it nothing to say, don't say it coming. The In respectable official circles, vain attempts are made to cling to the pathetic fragments of past grandeur. British embassies around the world are earnestly provided with reproductions of a Gerald Kelly portrait of the Queen, complete with curtain and cohumn, a sad little emanation from the tomb of classicism and the grave of Reynolds. I mean, old boy, it

> Britain or modernity for the they want? Well, of course

It was the Americans who perpetuated that odd, corporate desire to put something - any-thing - called art in front of their office blocks. The phenomenon was memorably described by Tom Wolfe as "The Turd in the Plaza". Art, the executive's education told him, was something to do with the distilled aspirations of the people. But, sadly, by then art had strayed far from any such aspirations and the plazas, even with their art, looked emptier than the Trafal-

gar Square plinth.

Andy Warhol may have revived the portrait, but only as a crafty, self-regarding denial of individuality. The last chance anybody had to get a portrait painted of themselves in any meaningful, reverent sense was by employing John Singer Sargent in Edwardian London.

looks about right, doesn't it? No, it does not. Perhaps it is unfair to blame

crisis in the public realm. This week Christie's sold a Trumbull portrait of George Washington at the Battle of Trenton from the Marquis of Bute's collection. It was originally rejected by the city of Charleston as being "too heroic and historical in flavour". What on earth did they wanted a hero-less, history-less democracy. Democracy as a dragging-down rather than a pulling-up goes back much further than the National Union of Teachers.



Similarly, the last time we could build appropriately resonant monuments was just after the First World War when Lutyens built his awesome battlefield memorial at Thiepval - a work in which the classical tradition sombrely contemplates its own Nemesis in the trenches.

Now the problem lies on both sides of the public-art equation. The public realm is only public in the sense that it is a vacancy, somewhere that belongs to nobody and everyhody. And art, lacking a coherent audience and a communicable language, drifts into pained self-examination. This can produce great art, but it art. As Eliot knew, as Picasso aesthetics can only result in a

knew, the "equals" sign in the equation was severed somewhere around 1920 and the two sides drifted apart.

Subsequent attempts to unite them may have been noble, but they only drew attention to the problem. Henry Moore's altar in Wren's St Stephen Walbrook in the City of London is all very well, but it still looks, depending on your perspective, like a stone Camembert or a gross druidic intrusion into a supremely sophisticated piece of architecture. Moore, I am sure, would see and understand Wren's subtle balancing of the classical dome and the gothic cannot produce great public cross. But, in place, the two

contradiction.

The state of the s

Perhaps we should look to Anthony Gormley's huge Angel of the North sculpture to be placed on a hill by the A1. Here is a piece of modern heroism in the public realm the aircraft-like wings spread, precariously unsupported, across the landscape to astound the passing salesmen in their air-conditioned Mondeos. Plus it is an angel, a clear and traditional symbol of transcen-dent significance, and it is "of the North", an attempt to evoke the kind of regional identity that was utterly lost in the corporate modernism of the Fifties and Sixties.

Well, I am prepared to give Gormley the benefit of the

doubt. But there are problems. The angel seems strained as if it could only be an angel at all in these times by having its angel-ness stretched to the limits of aerodynamic feasibility. The artist seems to be trying too hard to reach the public realm. Certainly, it is better than the Queen Mother's gates in Hyde Park, but it suffers from the same kind of exaggeration. The gates, in their wild contortions, strain to be meaningful and, in doing so, reveal their meaninglessness. The angel teeters on the brink

now do if it aspires to be public. Of course, it could be that we simply choose the wrong artists. David Hockney is prone to twee

better job of royal portraiture than André Durand?

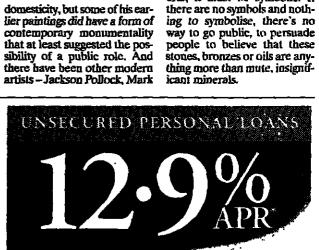
Rothko - whose striving for an abstract sense of self or spirituality seemed to show a genuine artistic awareness of the diffi-

culty of reaching out from the canvas or the plinth.

But sadly, in Britain at least, to embrace any such figures as laureates of public art would require a heroic suppression of our national sin of literalness. We always want to be able to say that what we see is what we get. So they paint the street in

Town planning becomes street daubing, royal portraits become glib cartoons

Harrogate because, in their literalness, the councillors think you make the place more colourful by splashing colour around. Public art cannot be literal, it must be symbolic. If there are no symbols and nothstones, bronzes or oils are any-



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cynical definition of moral philosophy is the finding of excuses for doing what we like. But have you noticed how politicians and functionaries say, "There's only a moral responsibility" when they mean there's no money involved? That shows what a lot of people think about the stams of ethics.

This line of thought was perfectly illustrated in Orwell's novel Keep The Aspidistra Flying, where he has Gordon Comstock discover that the modern world has gone through I Corinthians XV printing the word "money" where St Paul wrote "love" or "charity". Thus, "If I have not money, I am nothing ... ", etc.

There are more serious considerations. For example, at times, in one breath, we insist that morality is "a matter of personal opinion"—something about which people should "make up their own minds" and in the next breath we talk about universal human rights.

This idea that morals are personal value judgements is very new. It goes back only as far as the 1930s and the socalled "emotivist" view of ethics taught by A. J. Ayer and C. L. Stevenson. According to this theory, when I say that something is right or good I am only expressing a personal feeling and, perhaps, trying to persuade you to have this feel-

ing as well. But if morality is only a matter of feelings, what becomes of moral argument and rational persuasion? Surely I want the passer-by to buy one of my flags because he thinks my charity is a good cause, not just because he happens to feel like it. Disconcertingly, both Ayer

and Stevenson agreed that, if reasonable persuasion fails in ethical disputes, then logically force is no worse as a persuader. And this philosophy was in its heyday while Hitler's cronies were providing the libretto for Cabaret!

Can you do good by accident, or must you intend it? If good is defined merely as pleasant consequences, then it would seem that the will has no place in morality - but that is just where most of us would like to think that the will is of supreme importance. Incidentally, perhaps someone will help me out with a difficulty in Christian morality I have never been able to surmount. Here we are enjoined, nay, commanded, to love our neighbour. As I look at my neighbour I realise that this requires an enormous act of will But it is precisely the will which is impotent according to St Paul, who defined our moral predicament more acutely than anyone before or since: "The good I would, that I do not; but the

evil if I would not, that I do."



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Ten out of ten for psychological acuteness Paul, but where does it leave me morally?

Secularised democracies measure right and wrong by the amount of pleasure or pain occasioned by them. Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832) even went so far as to devise a pleasure-pain calculus, the more accurately to work out ethical consequences. The system is known at Utilitarianism - and it was scorned by Nietzsche as "pig philosophy."

How do we measure plea-

sure and on what scale do we rate it? Is Bach better then Sid Snot and the Drifters? Bentham was an unabashed egalitarian, and he reckoned that when it comes to the measurement of pleasurable consequences, "pushpin is as good as poetry." Some pure and non-elitist strain in us all wants to agree with Bentham, but then a little voice pipes up within: "then what is the purpose of education - something else about which the modern professes to be very keen?" Are there any moral

absolutes? The Book of Exodus gives us ten commandments, but Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) seemed to understand that there can only ever be one moral absolute: prescribe more than one and you lay up impossible moral dilemmas for yourself, when the occasion arises that two of

flict. What, for example, if it comes to a choice between not telling lies and protecting the innocent? Asked what we should do, Kant replied that we should do our duty. But isn't that just a tautology? What else should I do except my duty, when my duty means what I should do? Kant tries to answer this through his doctrine of the Categorical Imperative: act always so that the maxim of your action can be willed as a general rule (What if everybody did it?).

Unfortunately, this "impera

tion underlying your action. Existentialists do things dif-ferently. Sartre (1905-1980) denied all moral systems in the name of freedom. I am not essentially obliged to do anything - because my existence precedes my essence. He said. It is unfortunate for Existentialists that God doesn't happen to exist." And if there is any morality it consists in doing what I like. To do otherwise is to act "in bad faith". It can also be unfortunate for Existentialists that humankind with its tiresome ethical theories exists. As Sartre - like the baby screaming in his playpen - complained, "Hell is other people."

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# Lord Amery of Lustleigh

Perhaps the most important thing to remember about Julian Amery - son of a secretary of state for India, son-in-law of a prime minister and himself a longserving Conservative minister - is the largeness of his personality. Amery's exuberance concealed a sharp intellect, but it was a vital part of the nature of a man bringing with him the old of exceptional physical courage, and devout political commitment. The exuberance showed itself in a robust sense of fun. I will illustrate it.

During the Conservative Party conference of 1972 I found myself at the same (large) lunch party as Julian Amery. In those far-off days security was a far is tempted to say a series of less compelling consideration than it is now, and ministers, journalists and others would commonly stroll back from the Imperial Hotel to the Winter Gardens for the afternoon debates. On this occasion, however, a large group of tradeunion demonstrators had gathered along the sea front to demonstrate against, and to heckle, Tories. The police had erected crash barriers along the route to hold the mob back. Ministers and others hurried to nia, working with the Albanian the Gardens, for the most part Resistance. At the end of that with their heads down, behind this protection. Not, though, Julian Amery.

I was a couple of yards behind Amery when, having finished his and Balliol had been a perfect port, he emerged from the Imperial, a large cigar between the fingers of his right hand. He contemplated the demonstrators. He transferred the cigar to the other hand and walked slowly down the line shaking hands and jocosely greeting demonstrators in that deep and plummy voice. The police were worried but, by the end of his promenade. Amery was being cheered, in a friendly and amused fashion, by the demonstrators. There you have the

Harold Julian Amery was born in 1919. He came from a formidable political family, for the Amerys had been close allies of the Chamberlains when the latter family ruled Birmingham. The alliance was sundered when, in the Commons debate on Norway in May 1940 Julian's father, L.S. (Leo) Amery, pronounced the death sentence on the government headed by Neville Chamberlain. using Cromwell's deadly words

- "You have sat here too long for any good you have been doing. Depart. I say, and let us have done with you. In the name of God, go!"

With such a heritage, and such a father, it was hardly surprising that young Julian eventually turned to politics. Chamberlain-Amery tradition of faith in the Empire and belief in free trade - though it is only right to say that Julian later became an enthusiastic advocate of British membership of the Common Market.

But, before politics, Amery enjoyed a colourful career - one colourful careers. Between 1939 and 1940 he served as an attaché on British missions to Belgrade, Ankara, Sofia and Bucharest. He enlisted as a sergeant in the RAF at the end of these missions, but was rapidly transferred to the Army, with the rank of Captain, and sent to the Middle East

Another rapid transfer sent him to Yugoslavia, to liaise with the partisans fighting Ger-many. In 1944 he was in Albatour of duty he was sent as the Prime Minister's personal representative to Chiang Kai-shek. He always maintained that Eton preparation for such a splendid series of adventures: "You know, dear boy, that Eton and Oxford are other-worldly places, and so were the places

in which I spent my war. He fought and lost Preston North in 1945, but won the seat in 1950, the year in which he married Harold Macmillan's daughter Catherine. His long and variegated ministerial career began in 1957, when he became Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War. A year later, in December 1958, with the same rank, he moved to the Colonial Office. In 1960 he became Secretary of State for Air (essentially a military posting) and in 1962 Minister for Aviation (essentially a civil

The Conservatives having lost the general election, Amery's acquaintance with the rigours and delights of office for the moment ceased, and he was forced out of the House of Commons by the electorate in

the Tory debacle that was the general election of 1966. A byelection in Brighton Pavilion (where the Macmillan connection had greatly helped him in gaining the Conservative nomination) in March 1969 brought him back to the House and, after Edward Heath achieved his famous victory in 1970, Amery returned to government as Minister for Housing and Construction.

The appointment was judged by most observers to be a surprising one. First, Amery's flamyant image did not seem to fit in the new technological age supposedly issued in by the new Prime Minister. And, second, a domestic ministry did not seem to suit either his character or his interests.

He was, in truth, much happier when he shifted to the Foreign Office in 1972. After the Conservative defeat of 1974 he never again held office, nor did he expect to. He remained in the Commons until 1992, when he was promoted to the Lords, as Lord Amery of Lustleigh, in John Major's Dissolution

But he was never, as so many

politicians passed over have been, embittered. He threw himself with zest into the role of a backbencher, intervening, in that great, rumbling voice of his, on a wide variety of subjects but, increasingly, in support of the rebel Rhodesian govern-ment headed by Ian Smith, thus showing he was his Imperialist father's son to the core. On Rhodesia Amery showed intellectual rather than political perspicacity. When Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister in 1979 his first major foreign challenge was the con-ference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in Lusaka in the autumn, where the main topic was to be Rhodesia (the government of which was now headed by Bishop Abel Mu-zorewa, with Smith in close attendance).

Rhodesia was the main subject in the adjournment de-bate of 25 July, the last occasion for discussion of the matter before the summer recess. The Prime Minister took great care over her speech, seeking to placate both those who wanted to bring Muzorewa and Smith down, and the many on the Conservative back benches who

sympathised with them. She succeeded, with one exception. Amery alone in the debate divined instantly that she had decided to abandon the Muzorewa-Smith government and, in a bitter and powerful speech, he castigated her for so doing. It was to no avail. But Amery was much more

than a politician. He was an on-

nivorous reader, and enthusiastic writer, and was possessed of a powerful mind. More: people meeting him for the first time who saw him glass in hand and cigar in mouth sitting happily with cronies in the Carlton, White's or the Beefsteak could scarcely credit the fact that they were seeing an enthusiastic and skilful skier, a hearty walker, and a man who rarely let a day go by without a long and vigorous swim. "You see, old boy," he would say, "the excreise burns off the drink and the tobacco." The formula seemed to be a successful one.

He was a considerable man, much more so than his style led observers to perceive. He was also kind and very entertaining. But if there was one word which I would use to describe him (and one that, I feel sure, he would like) it would be a patriot. Julian Amery was a patriot of the old school, to the very depths of his being.

**Patrick Cosgrave** 

Harold Julian Amery, politician: born London 27 March 1919; MP (Conservative) for Preston North 1950-66, Brighton Pavilion 1969-92; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Financial Secretary, War Office 1957-58; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office 1958-60; PC 1960; Secretary of State for Air 1960-62; Minister of Aviation Air 1960-62; Minister of Aviation 1962-64; Minister of Public Building and Works 1970; Minister for Housing and Con-struction, Department of the En-vironment 1970-72; Minister of State, Foreign and Common-wealth Office 1972-74; created 1902 Roman Amery of Lysoleigh 1992 Baron Amery of Lustleigh; author of Sons of the Eagle 1948, The Life of Joseph Chamberlain vols iv 1901-3: At the Height of his Power 1951, v and vi Joseph Chamberlain and the Tariff Reform Campaign 1969, Approach March 1973; married 1950 Catherine Macmillan (died



### Robert Brown

1991; one son, three daughters); died London 3 September 1996.

It is rure for civic heads to become members of the House of Commons - Alderman Sir Lesley Lever, Lord Mayor of Manchester at the time United crashed in Munich, became MP for Ardwick; Sir Myer Galpern, Lord Provost of Glasgow, acquired Shettleston and became a marvellously peppery Chairman of Ways and Means in the Commons. But it is quite unique for an MP, and an exminister to boot, to leave the House of Commons at the normal retirement age, return to local government, and on merit become Lord Mayor of his City. Yet, this is precisely what Robert Brown achieved when his discerning Tyneside colleagues - and none know their own better - made him Lord Mayor of Newcastle in 1994. In his maiden speech in April

1966 Brown described how the people of Tyneside are regarded he people of lyneshe are regarded as Geordies the world over, not as people from Newcastle, Gateshead, South Shields or Tynemouth. "Geor-die" is a regional term quite as spe-cific as "cockney". The song "Blaydon Races" is almost regarded as a local regional authem. Is there any honnational anthem. Is there any honnational antiem. Is there any hot-outable member who will comess his lack of culture by saying that he has not heard of "Blaydon Races"? The identification of people on both sides of the river with Newcastle United Football Club, of considerable former

In over 20 years as his colleague, often sitting next to him on the green benches, the harshest words that ever passed between us were when I opined that Jackie Milburn - Bob's "oor Jackie" - and the Robledos Brothers were perhaps not quite the best inside trio the world had ever seen. The Magpies had no more faithful supporter in their great days, and in their less than great days, than Bob Brown. He was born the son of

William Brown, an engineer, and went to local schools and to Rutherford College before being apprenticed at the age of 16 as a plumber to the Newcastle Gas Company in 1937. Joining the Royal Signals in 1942, he saw service in the Middle East and in the Italian campaign. Years later when he presided over the Army Board he said that he chuckled at how a one-stripe 20-year-old acting lance-corporal (unpaid) in the Signals could chair a meeting of distinguished generals. "And

they take it so well." On demobilisation he went back and trained further as a gas fitter, being promoted to In-spector in 1949. For 16 years he was the secretary and agent of the Newcastle West Constituency Labour Party, serving



Ernest Popplewell, the rail-wayman MP, with the total loyalty that was one of Brown's hallmarks in political life. He stuck vehemently by his friends, and he was a good friend to have. He was also among the first of the 1966 intake to be promoted to a government job. I remember well his first debate as joint parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Transport. It was late at night and he had against him two then not very important, very junior shadow ministers with whom he held his own. I quote from Hansard, 17 December 1968:

Mr Michael Heseltine: I did not put this question specifically, but perhaps the honourable gentleman will say

how much economy he thinks could be achieved from the suggestions made on page 19 of the Report of the Prices and Incomes Board on London Transport?

Mr Brown: I am delighted that the honourable member has intervened because I am coming precisely to that. The honourable lady cannot have her cake and eat it. She cannot complain about the proposed fare increases next year and at the same time berate us for saddling the taxpayer with this £11m-a-year subsidy. Mrs Thatcher: Many different sorts

of financial arrangements could have been made and I do not know what course the negotiations took. This is the arrangement which the honourable gentleman has

Mr Brown: I am coming to that. The honourable lady made a general statement about the write-off and about the other write-offs of other nationalised industries but in fairness she must concede that this writingoff on behalf of the nationalised industries was something in which her own government had their share. The honourable member for Tavistock and the honourable lady flogged the is-sue of the National Board for Prices and Incomes and its suggestions.

When the debate was finished I said to Brown that he'd done jolly well. "Ah" he said, "I was lucky that I had two such easy Tories against me!"

Transport had been one of Brown's main interests - albeit he was sponsored by the General and Municipal Workers' Union - and as a Newcastle councilior he had played a leading part in the late 1950s in planning the Scotswood Bridge across the Tyne. He also displayed his special interest in the

development of motorways. Shortly after his election he volunteered himself as one of Harold Wilson's "young eagles" to defend the Government against left-wing critics after the cuts announced on 20 July 1966, a watershed day in the life of the Wilson government. On return to power in February 1974 Wilson appointed him as Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, as which he took a particular interest in the problems of homelessness. In May that year he pointed out that in 1970 there were 350,000 houses completed including 180,000 in the public sector, while by 1973 the total was down to 240,000 with only

107,000 in the public sector. After the second election of 1974 Brown was given the job for which he will be remembered, as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Army. In circumstances of cuts and where Labour ministers by the very nature of the situation are often not well received by the Service chiefs, Brown was exceedingly well liked and be-lieved to be a man of total

sincerity and dedication to the his place of work to meet the reforces - which indeed he was. On 17 June 1975 Brown told

the House of Commons: The Government are keenly aware of the importance of the regimental system to morale and of the general interest it inspires throughout the country. The Army reorganisation was therefore, planned to have as little effect on regimental identities as possible. I am sure bonourable mempossible. I am sure honourable meal-bers on both sides of the House will share my pleasure in the knowledge that all Badged regiments in the Roy-al Armoured Corps and Infantry, in-cluding the Parachute Regiment, will be retained in the future. In the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, the Army Air Corps and the supporting services there will be some reduction in the overall number of units, but impact on the regimental structure will be

the team absolute minimum.

The changes which will be made are only those which are essential if the re-organisation of the Army is to be thorough and effective.

Part of Brown's success as an Army minister was because service personnel felt that he really cared about them. On 17 January 1979, I listened to him tackle the question of estranged service wives and the policy towards married quarters. He recognised that the special conditions and demands of a service career often posed considerable difficulties. A serviceman has to be housed near

quirements of the Service which often involve long and irregular hours and the need to be

readily available on standby. When most people leave the House of Commons that is the end of their public life. Brown, who was a man totally without self-importance, threw himself back into local government helping the disadvantaged and doing as much as he could to ameliorate the effects of the decline in shipbuilding. That his colleagues made him Lord Mayor was a tribute to a thoroughly decent man supported by a wonderful wife, Marjorie, of more than 50 years.

Tam Dalyell

Robert Crofton Brown, engineer, trade-union official and politician: born Scotswood, Newcas-de 16 May 1921; MP (Labour) for Newcastle West 1966-83, Newcastle North 1983-87; Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport 1968-70: Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Social Security 1974; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army 1974-79; Lord Mayor of Newcastle 1994-95; married 1945 Marjorie Hogg (one son, one daughter); died Newcastle 3 September 1996

### The Ven David Scott

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David Scott was an outstanding cleric of his generation. As a boy he had been a cho-

rister at Westminster Abbey. He was there for the lying-in-state of George V and sang at the coronation of George VI It was during this time that he developed a great love of the Church of England, its long and chequered history inextricably bound up with the life of the nation and its pattern of liturey, discipline and pastoral care,
During the Second World

War he served in the noncombatant corps of the Army and in 1947 he went up to Thinity Hall, Cambridge, at which time Launcelot Fleming was chaplain. After graduating he went to Cuddesdon for his theological training and he found there a lively generation of men, most of whom had found their vocation to the ordained ministry in the many different circumstances of wartime

He was ordained in 1952 to serve his first curacy at St Mark's, Portsmouth, and after a brief spell as a chaptain at London University he went in 1959 to be vicar of Old Brumby, Scunthorpe. Here the five or six parishes were working together under the leadership of Gerald Colin, vicar of Frod-ingham and later Bishop of

Grimsby.

The development of the tron ore industry had transformed five or six scattered villages into the busy industrial lown of Scunthorpe. Here Scott served during the expansion of church life until 1966 when he was appointed vicar of Boston, an ancient market town and scaport in the great agricultural area of South Lincolnshire. He became rural dean of East Holland and in 1971 Canon of Lincoin Cathedral. In Boston he exercised a great pastoral ministry in the community and delight ed in the order of worship and teaching at St Botolph's, generally known as "the štump".

In 1975, after nine years of pastoral care and priestly service at Boston he was made Archdeacon of Stow and vicar of Hackthorn. In the midst of his administrative duties as Archdeacon he delighted in his incumbency of the small parishes in which he lived and where he was first and foremost the local parson caring for peo-ple at the parish level. His ex-perience of both industry and agriculture in Lincolnshire stood him in good stead in his ears as Archdeacon. In 1984 he was made a chaplain to the Oueen.

Sadly by reason of ill-health he found it necessary to retire in 1989 and he and his wife Christine, who through all his ministry had been such a great support, went to live in Southall just outside the diocesan boundary. He will be remembered for his great pastoral care, for his wise judgement and his quiet sense of humour. Of David Scott it may be said. as it was said of some 19thcentury priest: "He was a faithful priest and pastor, a very competent fisher of men: he was what he ever desired to be since he first put his hand to the plough."

+ Kenneth Riches

David Scott, priest: born 19 June 1924; ordained deacon 1952 priest 1953; Assistant Chaplain, London University 1958-59; Perpetual Curate, Old Brumby 1959. 66: Vicar of Boston, Lincolnshire 1966-75; Canon and Prebendury of Lincoln Cathedral 1971-89: Rural Dean of Holland East 1971-75; Archdeacon of Stow 1975-89; Vicar of Hackthorn with Cold Hanworth 1975-89: Priest-in-charge of North and South Carlton 1978-89, Chaplain to the Queen 1983-94; married (one son, one daughter); died 31 August 1996

### **Howard Vernon**

His lean frame occasionally to be seen lucking ominously in Hollywood productions shot in Europe, like John Frankenheimer's The Train (1964) and Woody Allen's Love and Death (1975), Howard Vernon's villains usually embodied austere Prussian monomania rather than simple malice, as evidenced by his Professor von Braum in Jean-Luc Godard's Alphaville (1965). As the techno-

cratic ruler of that film's eponymous city of the future (where his portrait dominates every wall), Vernon portrayed a man who when eventually confronted is visibly wearied by the burdensome responsibilties of

running a police state. Sometimes he was on the side of virtue, as when he played the stiff-necked Lanton in Walerian Borowczyk's unbelievable Docteur Jekyll et les femmes (1981),

and his best film role was also his most sympathetic (although under a perverse constraint), in Jean-Pierre Melville's Le Silence de la mer (1949). Based on the celebrated wartime novel by Vercors, it centred on Vernon as Werner von Ebrenac, a cultured and sensitive Francophile German officer billeted during the Occupation in an antipa-

thetic French household with

whom he desperately wants to

be friends, and whose animosity he spends most of the film attempting imploringly to overcome while they respond with the silent treatment.

Born in Switzerland to a Swiss father and an American mother, and raised in the United States, he returned to Europe to finish his schooling in Nice and Berne. Initially destined for the hotel trade, he worked in Egypt and then

to become an actor, where he was at first a tap dancer, performing at the Casino de Paris and Le Palace.

During the Occupation he supported himself by giving dancing lessons and in 1945 made his film début in a resistance drama. Un Ami viendm ce soir. To his distaste he was immediately typecast as a Nazi, al-

Zurich, before moving to Paris in Jericho (1946) that he caught Melville's eve. Melville called upon Vernon

again to lend atmosphere to Bob le flambeur (1956) and Léon Morin, prêtre (1961), and he played a professional assassin in Fritz Lang's last film, Die Tausend Augen des Dr Mabuse (1960). In 1962 he starred in Gritos en la noche, a visceral medical horror thriller in which though it was in one such role he was the Awful Dr Orloff (the

including a couple of appearances as Count Dracula in Dracula contra Frankenstein (1972) and A Filha de Dracula

More upmarket productions in which he later appeared in-

title of the film in America), an cluded the Jean-Marie Straubindefatigable plastic surgeon Danielle Huillet film Der Tod he was to play several more des Empedokles (1987), shot times in the course of over 35 on the slopes of Mount Ema, more films with director Jesus and as one of the many pecu-Franco over the next 25 years, liar neighbours in the instant cult classic of the early Nineties, Delicatessen (1991).

**Richard Chatten** 

Mario Lipert (Howard Vernon); actor. born Baden, Switzerland 15 July 1914; died 24 July 1996.

BIRTHS

FLINT: To Jane (née Leake) and Kei-th, on 29 August, a daughter, Eliza-beth May, a sister for Samuel and

SPENCE: To Emily (née Baldwin) and Adrian, a daughter. Eleanor Mary Frances, bora 17 July, a sister for

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### Marriages Mr G. Randall and Miss N. Harvey

The marriage took place on Saturday 31 August 1996 at St Andrew's Church, Moretonhampstead, Devon, between Mr Gary Randall, elder son of Mrs J. Randall, of Gisborne, New Zealand, and Mr J. Randall, of Auckland, and Miss Nicola Harvey, only daughter of Major and Mrs A. Harvey, of More-tonhampstead. The bride was at-tended by Anya Harvey, William Harvey, Miles Harvey and Nancy Best. Mr Roger Bowron was best man.

Birthdays

Lord Alexander of Weedon OC. chairman, National Westminster Bank, 60; Mr Malcolm Allison, football manager, 69; Miss Meg Beres-ford, former General Secretary. CND, 59; Mr Johnny Briggs, actor. 61; Mr Dick Clement, director and scriptwriter, 59; Dr Jack Colover, neurologist, 83; Miss Tracy Edwards, yachtswoman, 34; Sir Robin Fearn,

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former ambassador to Spain, 62; Dr

Director, British Museum, 55; Mr Al Stewart, rock singer, 51; Mr George Tremlett, author, journalist and bookseller, 57; Miss Raquel Welch, actress, 56; Professor Sir Denys Wilkinson, nuclear physicist, 74.

sion, 63; Miss Jean Rankine, Deputy

Anniversaries

Births: Louis XIV, the "Sun King" of France, 1638; Johann Christian Bach, composer, 1735; Robert Fergusson, poet, 1750: Caspar David Friedrich, painter, 1774: Giacomo

John Wisden, cricket records compiler, 1826; Arthur Koestler, author, 1905; John Cage, composer, 1912. Deaths: Pieter Brueghel the El-der, painter, 1569; Group Captain Sir Douglas Robert Stevart Bader, Second World War pilot, 1982. On this day: the US declared its neutrality in the Second World War, 1939; the Allies liberated Brussels, 1944. Today is the Feast Day of St Bertinus, St Genebald of Laon, St Laurence Giustiniani and Saints Urban and Theodore and their Com-

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# Morgan asks court to freeze fund manager's personal assets

JILL TREANOR and NIC CICUTTI

Morgan Grenfell Asset Management last night moved to freeze the assets of Peter Young, its suspended fund manager, as part of its investigation into suspected irregularities in three funds in which £1.4bn is

An injunction was taken out in conjunction with Royal Bank of Scotland, trustee to the two funds he ran. Morgan Grenfell declined comment when asked if this should be taken as an allegation that Mr Young was suspected of using the funds' assets for personal gain or fraud.

Lawyers acting for Morgan Greafell have also engaged specialist financial investigators to help their enquiries into the mystery surrounding the three European investment funds.

A senior executive from Net-A senior executive from Network Security Management, a staked 1.31 per cent and 1.00 subsidiary of Hambros, the merchant bankers, called yesterday at the home of Mr Young, to arrange a meeting with him.

Allan McDonagh, deputy managing director of NSM, confirmed that his firm was working on behalf of Morgan Grenfell. He added that NSM specialised. among other things, in fraud de-tection. But he said: "I wouldn't read anything into that."

Neighbours at Mr Young's newly built, luxury detached home in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, said they were mystified by what had happened to their latest arrival in their small exclusive close.

One person, who refused to be named, said Mr Young had barely moved into his £400,000 home a few weeks earlier. "He seems like quite a nice person but we haven't seen anything of him or his children yet, so it's hard to make a judgement."

Mr Young left home at 10.30am yesterday with his wife. He said he had been told not to make any comments about the Morgan Grenfell affair,

The home, which has a threecar garage, remained empty throughout the day. There were signs that its occupants have only recently moved in Electrical work to the gates is still not completed and the lawn appears to

have been freshly planted.
It is thought that regulators are focusing on a number of mysterious unlisted companies. many of them Norwegian, in which Mr Young had invested money belonging to some 90,000 investors.

Enquiries among eight Norwegian specialist analysts yes-terday failed to find any who recognised the names of some of the firms in which Mr Young had invested.

per cent respectively of its assets in Norwegian companies Syteminvest and Waferprof Holding, neither of which rang any bells with the specialists.

One market source speculated that Mr Young could have been using some of the unlisted firms to buy his investments in other companies, which had become unprofitable after stocks in the companies plunged this year. Another said: "There are some rather odd companie here. I am not sure if the fund is the instrument or the victim." Among the recognised Nor-

wegian quoted companies, the share price of Sysdeco Group in which the European Capital Growth Fund had invested 8.17 percent of its assets, had fallen to around 45 crowns yesterday from levels around 225 crowns in late February.

Dealing in the funds, sus-



Potential frozen asset: Peter Young's £400,000 house in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, which he bought recently

irregularies in the valuation of the week - Morgan Grenfell unquoted securities", was due to resume today.

But in an effort to instill investor confidence in the funds, Deutsche Bank, which owns Deutsche Morgan Grenfeil, bought up many of these unlisted securities at a price estimated to have cost the German banking giant at least £150m. Mr Young, 38, ran two of the

European Growth Trust, a unit trust, and Dublin-listed Morgan Grenfell European Capital Growth Fund. The third fund, Morgan Grenfell Europa, is run by Stewart Armer, who has not been suspended and is not un-

der investigation. Carnegie, the broker cited in European Growth Trust annual report as having taken 10 perpended to investigate "potential funds suspended at the start of cent of the broking commissions

paid out by the fund last year, tems this week, according to se-

declined to comment. It also emerged that Ice Securities, hired to value some of the securities in the fund, had been visisted by the regulator. Christopher Woodgate, chairman of the eight partner boutique, said it had been hired in

July to value "certain assets". Meanwhile, all large fund managers are checking and tightening up their control sysnior executives in the industry who said the Morgan Grenfell problem underlined the need for perpetual vigilance.

The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds welcomed Morgan Grenfell's promise that no investor will lose money. Philip Warland, the chief executive, said "The reputation of the industry is jealously guarded; no unit trust in-

vestor has ever lost any money as a result of irregularities." However, many of the 90,000 investors in the two unit trusts and the fund at the centre of the investigation have been flooding their financial advisers with worried calls. Sean Kingston, a director of Hargreaves Lansdown, a Bristol financial adviser, who is an investor in the funds, said it had

taken more than 100 calls from

"extremely concerned" investors.

### Labour to go softly softly on fat cats

MICHAEL HARRISON

Labour yesterday backed away sharply from plans to clamp down on boardroom excesses by statutory means in favour of an approach based on voluntary codes of conduct and informal pressure from institutional shareholders.

The party had been inclined to introduce legislation should t get into power requiring companies to obtain shareholder approval at annual meetings for executive pay packages. It had also been examining changes in the Companies Act to make tougher corporate governance standards a Stock Exchange listing requirement.

But yesterday the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, stepped back from a statutory approach that would force companies to toe the line on corporate governance. At a London conference to

set out Labour's manifesto for business, he said that voluntary agreements brokered between institutional investors and boards of companies would be far more beneficial than statutory changes. His comments were rein-

forced by Alistair Darling, the shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, whose portfolio includes corporate governance issues. He said the best way to improve standards and practices in boardrooms was through "cultural change". A number of institutions had begun to pressurise companies to amend "imprudent" remuneration packages and board structures.

Senior Labour politicians have been saying privately for some time that a voluntary approach was likely to be favoured above one built on new legislation but this is the first time the party has openly rejected a statutory means.

The 26-page manifesto, New Opportunities for Business, kes it clear wants to build on the voluntary approach adopted by the Greenbury and Cadbury Committees and the successor Hampel Committee, chaired by the chairman of ICI, Sir Ronnie Hampel, who is looking at what further changes might be needed in corporate governance standards.

"An expert panel on corporate overnance should be estabished with a broad membership to draw up codes of practice on key issues," the document says. It adds that Labour will want a full and early report from the Hampel Committee. Comment. page 21

# fail to reach 500,000 mark

**CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent** 

Sales of P-registration cars in August look set to show a disappointing increase of little more than 1 per cent over last year, when the industry announces the final figures today. The statistics will also show a bad month for the traditional market leaders, Ford and Vauxhall, and a continuing boom in sales of imported cars.

Registration data, which was being collated last night, suggests that unless manufacturers dump thousands of cars on dealers at the last minute. around 475,000 new cars were sold last month, compared with 469,000 in August 1990. Manufacturers had predicted a much more buoyant August, with a forecast rise of around 5

per cent to 490,000. The figures dash hopes that sales could surge through the 500,000 barrier for the first time since 1989. They also suggest the recent improvement in consumer confidence has not been sufficient to bring a sustained boost to the car market.

Ford had a particularly bad month with its share of the total market dropping to 18.5 per cent. Vauxhall's slice was just 13 per cent, with industry sources suggesting demand for the Vectra, the replacement for Cavalier, had not matched expectations. However, Rover's sales brought its share to around 10 per cent.

By far the biggest winner in August was Volkswagen, which

registered 27,000 cars, grabbing 6 per cent of the entire market. VW has seen huge interest from private buyers in its Polo "super mini."

Alan Pulham, from the National Franchised Dealers Association, said: "If you price a product right people will buy it and Volkswagen are defi-nitely pricing their cars right. They've corrected the main problem they had, which was that their cars were perceived as being too expensive."

Yesterday industry analysts suggested the outcome was not as bad as it seemed, partly because August this year included one less selling day than last year. "It still gives us the second biggest August ever. That takes us over 1988's total," said Mr

Pulham. Another factor was the lower number of so-called "pre-registrations". Manufacturers can inflate the statistics in the last few days of the month by registering cars to dealers, so they count as a "sale" in the data before they find a genuine buyer. On the penultimate day of August 1995, 45,000 cars were registered, 10 per cent of the month's total, though most had

not probably been "bought".

"In a way it's a more rational August this year," said Jay Nagley, an expert on the car market with Marketing Systems. The sales look more genuine this year. There's some evidence that Ford and Vauxhall have cut back on attempts to force the market and sales to rental companies are lower."

# P-reg car sales | Peacock family may sell out to Booker

Booker, the food distribution group, yesterday started a longawaited shake-up of Britain's cash and carry sector when it made a recommended offer for Nurdin & Peacock, its beleaguered cash and carry rival,

valuing the company at £264m. The deal will give Booker 40 per cent of the UK cash and carry market though the company said it did not expect to run into competition problems with the Office of Fair Trading. Booker said the sector already faced

strong competition from the supermarket groups.

Booker's offer has the agreement of the founding Peacock family which controls a 28 per cent share. A hostile counterbid from SHV Makro, the Dutch group which holds a 14 per cent stake in N&P, is pos-

If the deal goes through it will result in around 1,200 job losses. Booker says 40 depots will close though these are likely to be some of the smaller Booker sites. The N&P head office. which employs 500 staff in Lon-

don, will also be shut. Booker says the deal will be earnings enhancing within the first year.

It plans £10m of cost-savings in that year, doubling the year after. However, Booker's debts would soar to £400m compared to £90m of net assets. Booker says the debt level would fall by £100m after two years.

Charles Bowen, Booker's chief executive, said the deal would enable the combined group to offer more support to the independent retail sector. "Cash and carry is under pressure. Our customers are getting

month presented Mr Clarke with his last window of oppor-

squeezed more and more. We've got to do something to support them. Mr Booker said he had been

stalking N&P for two years but only heard in the past few weeks that the Peacock family might be interested in selling its

Under the terms of the offer, Nurdin & Peacock shareholders will receive 14 new Booker shares and £154,53 in cash for every 100 N&P shares. Based on a Booker share price of 360.5p, this values each of Nurdin & Peacock's shares at 205p. There

that increases will soon be on

According to the minutes re-leased yesterday, Mr George

said the quarter-point June re-

duction to 5.75 per cent had in-

creased the danger that the

Government would not meet its

He said the forward-looking

indicators of inflation such as

surveys, money and credit growth and the housing market were stronger than they had been in June. The Bank would

advise strongly against any fur-

ther interest rate cut on the basis

that he and the Governor

remained "slightly apart", al-though he agreed that interest

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in July. He also agreed that the

economy was gathering strength

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rose 68.5p to 200.5p. Booker shares closed 22.5p higher at Julian Hardwick, an analyst at BZW, said: "I think it's a good

is also a cash alternative of 201n.

Nurdin & Peacock's shares

deal for both sides and the logic is pretty compelling. Booker will have a stronger base in the UK from which to expand internationally. He said it was likely Booker

would sell some of its underperforming food businesses. Tesco price war and Comment, page 21.

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# City kept guessing over rate cut

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

A tea-time meeting yesterday between Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, left the financial markets on tenterhooks over the possibility of a cut in base rates. This morning will present the Bank of England with its first opportunity to act on any decision taken by Mr Clarke at the meeting.

Minutes of the 3 July monthly

meeting released yesterday con-

firmed that the Chancellor's and

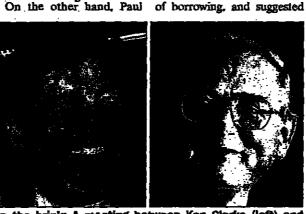
Governor's views about interest rate policy have diverged. If Mr Clarke has taken the plunge again, it will mark his most serious clash yet with Mr George. Economists in the City were still divided yesterday about whether he would reduce base rates for the fifth time since December. Ian Shepherdson at HSBC Markets said: "These decisions are not predictable,

to doing it now rather than Mortimer-Lee, chief economist around party conference or at Paribas, argued that this month presented Mr Clarke

This view was reinforced by mortgage lenders signalling a reluctance to reduce mortgage rates again. A spokesman for Halifax, the biggest lender, said: "Mortgage rates are at a 30-year low and I don't think they have much further to go.

On the other hand, Paul

tunity. "Time is running out. The Chancellor would like another rate cut and here is one of the last chances he has." The Bank of England has made plain its opposition to additional reductions in the cost



On the brink: A meeting between Ken Clarke (left) and

get was being put at risk, there would be sufficient time to act Eddle George has left the financial markets on tenterhooks prudently," he argued. but it is hard to see any real gain CURRENCIES £ (London) 0.5388 +0.10 0.8452 DM (London) 1.4823 -0.21pt 1.4790

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# Remoulded BBA shows its fibre

It is hardly surprising that BBA, the brake pads to nappy-liners group, was yesterday emphasising the importance of organic growth and bolt-on acquisitions. After its still-born attempt to break up the Lucas-Varity merger earlier this year, Robert Quarta, BBA's aggressive chief executive, had some ground to make up with City sceptics. He need not have worried. Yester-

day's figures for the half-year to June should have quelled any remaining doubts about Mr Quarta's record, The underlying performance was hidden by the last elements of his reshaping of the business. A £26.7m goodwill write-off on the sale of the Automotive Products clutch and brake business last time turned into an £11m write-back in the latest figures from the sale of the Duralay carpet underlay operation. But leaving one-offs to one side, there was a 19 per cent increase in profits to £72.1m in the period.

Having now largely completed the remoulding of BBA, Mr Quarta's task this year is to prove that the resulting business is capable of growth. The 24 per cent rise in turnover in the first half is early proof that it is.

Admittedly, Mr Quarta had some, unspecified, help from the first-time inclusion of Holvis, the Swiss group acquired last June. After disposals, that deal netted the Fiberweb business for BBA, turning it into the world's thirdlargest producer of non-woven fabrics for the likes of nappies, surgical use and filters. Stripping that out, the underlying sales increase was pared back to

Even so, there is clearly still plenty to go for at BBA. Weeding out the underperformers has resulted in a further step change in margins, and even in the continuing operations, the return on sales has marched up 1.2 percentage points to 13.5 per cent in the half-year. The addition of Fiberweb and improvements to its pre-acquisition return on sales of 5 per cent helped continuing profits in effect double to £44.7m in BBA's industrial division. But given that Fiberweb's utilisation is still only 85 per cent of capacity, and with new applications for non-wovens appearing all the time, there should be more where that came from.

Elsewhere, despite its heavy exposure to the car industry, which accounts for around a quarter of group sales, BBA's brake linings business has much to commend it. The friction materials arm. Europe's leading manufacturer, shrugged off a tough six months for German car sales and, despite signs of a slowdown in the European market, the outlook is set fair. The DM20m (£8.45m) efficiency programme launched in Germany last year will be delivering in full from next year, but most excitement should come from the US business. From a standing start in 1991, that is on course to take 10 per

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN ciated business, the 22.5 per cent stake in Camelot, the National Lottery

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products.

BBA: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £1.55bn, share price 334p

brand is out-performing the US mar-

ket, the Seven-Up citrus drink is find-

ing the going tougher. It managed a 2 per cent increase in volumes in the first

half, while Sprite, the Coca-Cola com-

petitor, increased its volumes by a thumping 28 per cent, backed by a huge

pre-emptive marketing spend designed to spoil Seven-Up's February re-

Cadbury may have spent £351m on marketing in the first half compared with £297m in the same half last year,

but its spending is dissipated across a

wider portfolio of brands while its ri-

vals concentrate on just a handful of

ilar issues, battling against the likes of Nestlé and Hershey. Confectionery

sales were up by 15 per cent, but trad-ing profits edged up only 3 per cent and the margin fell by 1.3 percentage

points due to a drive by Trebor Basset

to increase volumes and market share.

On the plus side, the new business in Poland will break even this year, only

its second of operation, while invest-ment in China and Russia is continu-

ing. Further expansion is likely to be

through acquisitions. The problem is

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The confectionery business faces sim-

cent of the \$15m-\$1.5bn market by the in the cut-throat US soft drinks marend of the decade.

The group now has firepower of up to £300m for acquisitions without recourse to shareholders. Full-year profits of £142m before exceptionals would put the shares, up 11p at 334p, on a forward p/e ratio of 17. Hold.

### Cadbury battles a drink problem

David Wellings bows out as chief ex-ecutive of Cadbury Schweppes this week on the back of a decent set of halfyear figures. His swan song results yes-terday showed a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £231m in the six months to June, buoved by a significant contribution from the Dr Pepper acquisition in the US.

The more interesting questions re-late to what kind of business Mr Welling's successor, John Sunderland, inherits and where he takes it from here. Cadbury Schweppes faces some challenging strategic issues. When the £622m sale of its half-share in the Coca-Cola Schweppes bottling joint venture is completed later this month, it will leave Cadbury Schweppes reliant on third-party bottlers and a distant third finding suitable targets. Of the asso-

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (Em)

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Group operating margin

organiser, yielded profits of £9m in the BZW is forecasting full-year profket behind Coke and PespiCo, makers of Pepsi Cola. While the Dr Pepper

its of £580m. With the shares 8p higher at 520.5p they trade on a forward rating of 15. Much will depend on how the US drinks market holds up, particularly the battle between Seven Up and Sprite. With rumours of a bid from Unilever or a US predator receding, the shares are only a hold.

### Brammer on a roll in Europe

Brammer, the Altrincham-based distribution and rental group, is unusual for a British company with substantial overseas operations. Despite doing a third of its business abroad, it has no US or Far East subsidiaries, but concentrates instead on becoming a pan-European distributor in the single

It is a strategy that could leave Brammer exposed to the slowdown in large economies such as France or Germany as they whip themselves into shape for the arrival of a single European currency. But the evidence of the latest interim results suggests otherwise.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to June rose by 26 per cent to £12.8m on sales 15 per cent higher at £103m.

True, growth rates in the period have slowed from the 50 per cent seen last year as trading conditions have become more difficult. But Brammer is clearly gaining as it consolidates its leading position by rolling out its distribution network across Europe, where it provides nuts and bolts and bearings and drive belts for just-in-time delivery.

The most recent example of moves to reinforce the business came in April when Brammer bought the 75 per cent of a Spanish distributor it did not already own for £10.5m. With £3.1m of net cash on the balance sheet, more acquisitions should follow.

Brammer is the European leader in testing and computer equipment, a market with good growth prospects as blue-chip customers such as BT, Siemens and Nokia increasingly outsource their information technology services. This division, which accounts for a fifth of profits, was bolstered in July with the acquisition of Hamilton, which specialises in the short-term rental of computer equipment in the Benelux countries, for up to £6.8m.

The shares have been strong performers this year, rising another 9.5p to 594.5p yesterday. "Clean" profits of £26.6m this year would put them on a forward multiple of 15. That looks undemanding and suggests they have further to run.

# Tilcon deal gives CRH a new US building block

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CRH, the Irish building materials group, yesterday pulled off the biggest deal in its history with the \$329m (£212m) acquisition of the US quarrying and aggregates business of Tilcon from BTR, the industrial

The acquisition will create the biggest construction materials group in the north-eastern US, where CRH has a business, to add to the Irish group's leading position in the Rocky Mountain states of Utah, Nevada and Idaho. The deal also brings the proceeds of the disposal programme instigated at BTR by new chief executive Ian Strachan to £700m so far.

The cash purchase is being part-funded through a IR£101m share placing at IR575p. CRH shares added 12.5p to 638.5p yesterday, while BTR's rose

2.5p to 259.5p.
The Tilcon deal means CRH has spent IR£405m on acquisitions this year and breaks new ground not only through its size but in that it is being done with

a public company. In the past, the Irish group has expanded through buying small privately-owned groups, but finance director Harry Sheridan denied yesterday that the Tilcon move marked a change in strategy: "We see it very much as a series of concurrent add-ons which complements our existing operation in the north-east. We don't see it as a large acquisition, just part of our existing strategy to create strong regional groupings."

Mr Sheridan said CRH had previously targeted small private units because they were easier to check and resulted in better value. Tilcon satisfied both

The gross consideration for the Connecticut-based Tilcon operation is \$220m and CRH is assuming a further \$109m of debt with the business. But the final sale price will be reduced by \$50m of sales of businesses which are either non-core or being forced on the Irish group to satisfy competition authorities. Together with a seasonal re-nalisation and there would be duction in debt of around \$25m, job losses. Despite the growing lar amount to IR£1bn.



son reckons the company is payng a net \$254m for Tilcon.

The business operates from 60 operations in nine states. The operations being retained produced 16 million tons of aggregates, 6 million tous of asphalt and 400,000 cubic yards of ready mixed concrete last year. After adjusting for disposals, that fed into operating profits of \$30.5m on sales of

334m in 1995. Mr Sheridan said the two north-eastern operations offered plenty of scope for ratio-

CRH chief executive Don God- number of disposals by BTR. analysts said yesterday the latest deal would not prevent the group announcing a dividend cut of around a third and lower profits when it unveils results next Thursday.

Mr Strachan said the dispos-

al represented another important step in repositioning BTR's portfolio of businesses. The proceeds are to be invested in the remaining manufacturing and engineering operations.

CRH unveiled a 13 per cent

rise in pre-tax profits to IR£64.1m for the six months to June. Turnover rose by a simi-

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# UK to bear brunt of Lucas cuts

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

The UK operations of Lucas-Varity, the car parts and aerospace giant formed recently in a £3.26m merger, are to bear the brunt of a restructuring programme involving around 500

Just two months after the deal was unveiled. Victor Rice, the new chief executive who previously headed Varity, has already completed a review of management structures which will result in a potential cull of a

pared with the current total of available. The cuts are part of 150. A spokeswoman said ex- a drive to achieve annual cost isting staff would undergo an savings of £65m over the next "intensive selection process aimed at getting the best fit for the new roles." A further 450 administrative jobs will be cut over the next few months, though final decisions about who will be affected have yet to

Those who did not fit into the new structure would not nec-

three years. The staff reductions, which are

third of senior administrative essarily lose their jobs immediately, though Mr Rice has made it clear there are only a limited for 100 senior managers, com-number of long-term posts

likely to have a bigger impact on the Lucas side of the business, shift the focus of the company towards the US. Lucas has 250 head office staff whereas Varity already runs a leaner headquarters operation in the US with just 50 employees. Lucas employs dispropor-tionately large numbers of staff when compared with the stakes the two companies have in the merger. Lucas investors gained two thirds of the shares in Lucas Varity, which starts trad-ing on Friday, while Varity investors got a third of the equity. Yet Lucas currently employs 45,000 people worldwide, against only 10,000 for Varity.

The company yesterday announced its new executive team, with eight former Lucas personnel and six Varity directors including Mr Rice.

## Damsels in undress cause great distress

Imagine our intrepid re-porter's surprise yesterday as he made his way to the BBA interim results press confer-ence at the Chiswell Street Brewery in the City, only to be met by two scantily clad young ladies.

Had BBA expanded from

its usual business of brake linings and nappies into lingerie, our man wondered?

The chairman of BBA, Vanni Treves, and his colleagues were distraught. The damsels had nothing to do with BBA, but were models preparing for a Playtex press conference at the brewery that evening. "We can't com-pete with what is going on outside," one person wailed.

I don't know. I'm sure brake linings have a fascina-tion all their own.

It is well known that the Lloyd's of London insurance market in Lime Street celebrates good news with two rings of the historic Lutine bell, and bad news with one.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, had the bright idea of ringing it an unprece dented three times yesterday - one for the losses that market had made, and two for the Government's go-ahead for Equitas, the reinsurance company which will spearhead Lloyd's restructuring.

Mr Rowland recalls that the last time the seven-anda-half-ton bell was rung twice because of maritime good news was back in 1981.

The last double-chime for any other reason was when



JOHN WILLCOCK

Iohn Major attended as Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1990 to mark a European Directive which opened insurance markets in the Euro-pean union to Lloyd's.

Mr Rowland says that although the bell was actually rung by one of Lloyd's pinkcoated waiters and not Mr

Major, the latter was the "official" ringer.

"You see what happens to people who ring the bell," the chairman said, referring to Mr Major's subsequent elevation to No 10.

David Newbigging, chairman of Equitas, added quietly: "If they can count."



Cadbury's results yesterday were the swan soug for chief executive David Wellings, who is retiring to devote all his energies to his first love: ornithology in Majorca. Mr Wellings wants to help preserve wildlife on the island. which includes the rare Black Vulture (above).

News reaches us, however, of a damaging boardroom split at Cadbury. The chairman, Dominic Cadbury, likes going out ard shooting magpies as a hobby. Mr Wellings is going out are shooting magnes as a hoody. Mr Wellings aghast that as fast as he is saving birds, Mr Cadbury is blasting them to pieces. Mr Wellings says, sorrowfully: "Every time he does that, I give him a bollocking."

British Gas and HFC are launching a multi-million pound joint venture called Goldbrand, whose first product will be a credit card called the Goldfish Card. Presumably it will only be available at fairgrounds.

Ward Thomas, the cheeky chairman of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, has written to Channel 5 insisting that when their people turn up at his home to retune his telly to receive the new channel, they will have to do the job out in the drive.

"To avoid any security risk I will not permit any of your operatives access to my house," writes Mr Thomas.

He then includes a form -Channel 5 must sign and re-turn, indemnifying him

against damage or worsening of interference he may suffer as a result of the retuning Channel 5 has written back to Mr Thomas, saying: We regret that we cannot

sign the attached form." Robert Heald, head of customer services at Channel 5, goes on to assure Mr Thomas that all staff are fully trained in retuning, that any complaints will be dealt with swiftly and that no one is being forced to accept a visit from a retuner, Mr Heald concludes: "In the event that retuning cannot be successfully implemented, a blocker can be fitted to exclude Channel 5 [and any as-

sociated interference]." I call that 30-all New balls, Mr Thomas?

PARTY SELLENGER



This kind of thing might have been understandable in old-fashioned,

inadequately regulated, one-man bands. But Morgan Grenfell?

of thing might have been understandable enough in old-fashioned, inadequately regulated, one-man band and essentially crooked fund management operations like Barlow Clowes. But Morgan Grenfell? It transpires that quite a number of the unquoted investments were valued for the trusts by their own manager, Peter Young. While this is no doubt legal, you don't need to be trained in these things to realise that it is also highly questionable. Mr Young had a vested interest in seeing his trusts perform and therefore a clear conflict of interest

regulating themselves. Much better, they

hought, to concentrate scarce resources on

the smaller, high-risk players, leaving the

grown-ups, provided they can demonstrate

adequate internal controls, to their own de-

vices. That policy seems to lie in tatters to-

day, with the shenanigans at Morgan Grenfell

Asset Management ample demonstration that even the grown-ups cannot be relied upon to look after themselves properly.

The more that becomes known about this

hizarre affair, the more serious the failure

in internal control seems to look. This kind

when engaged in the valuation process. Worse, we have been unable to find anyone who has ever heard of the Norwegian unquoted companies the trusts put their money into. This might be understandable

A few years ago our City regulators had a great idea. What's the point, they figured in spending a lot of time and effort regulating those who are perfectly capable of regulating the second of the spending through the spending through the second of the spending through the second of the spending through the second of the spending through the spending financial community of such a closely knit country would not have heard about compunies which supposedly were about to be isted on the stock market. The best interpretation that can be put on this is that Mr Young was operating way outside his parameters as a kind of loose cannon venture capitalist. The worst interpretation hardly bears thinking about.

But most worrying of all is that Mr Young's penchant for investing in companies no one had ever heard of went unchecked for so long. All over the City, fund managers and their trustees will be rethinking and reexamining their controls. The regulators too will have to take a second look at the strategy that allows big players to police their own affairs. For while in this case the parent bank has had the good grace to bail out the trusts, there will come a day when it makes sense even for a big player to cut and run.

### Labour and Tories are hard to tell apart

As spin-doctoring conventions go, Labour's one-day conference for business folk yesterday was hard to hear. The bevy of Labour party press officers on hand to dole out copies of speeches and generally plug the line that business can trust Tony Blair was

City's policy of self-regulation lies in tatters

demics and Labour MPs dragooned into turning up to make the numbers look respectable and barely half the delegates were at might be called the cutting edge of industry and finance.

In some ways that was a shame since Labour had certainly fielded its top bruss. Alongside the leader, there were no less than nine members of his shadow cabinet, including even the home affairs spokesman, Jack Straw. He was there to tell the business world what Labour would do about theft from companies and he wasn't talking about some of the latest L-Tips that have been dreamed up in the boardroom.

In other ways the low calibre of delegate was all too predictable since it was the same old fare that Labour has been serving up for the last six months - the sort of apple-pie and motherhood combination that could not conceivably cause anyone offence. Hands up all those in favour of low inflation, tight contrul of public spending, better education and backing for small businesses.

A few die-hards like Dixons' Sir Stanley Kalms will continue to spy reds under the bed but at this rate it is going to be difficult to insert a cigarette paper between Labour and the Tories on macro-economic policy come the election.

There will, Mr Blair tells us, be no return

Britain unless our employers want it. We cannot even be certain whether there will be a windfall tax now, while even the boardroom fat cats look like getting away with a

oluntary code. Much of business may harbour an instinctive dislike of Labour. But its difficulty on polling day may be distinguishing which party is which.

### Booker and N&P made for each other

At first glance, Booker's marriage proposal to its cash and carry rival Nurdin & Peacock looks a rather odd union. The business of supplying Happy Shopper beans and loo rolls to local corner shops is a shrinking one. Independent retailers are being squeezed by the mighty supermarket operators and the cash and carry companies are finding themselves squeezed alongside them. It is a wonder anyone wants to be in the business

at all, let alone expand in it.

The boring old cash & carry groups have tried all manner of things to perk up the market. N&P thought it had found the holy grail a few years ago when it launched Cargo Club, an attempt to mirror the huge cutprice grocery chains that were all the rage

ting, and of course the advantages of clim-mating your closest rival. Both companies are about to invest heavily in technology. Those plans can now be streamlined.

Indeed, Booker's and N&P's combined sales will be north of £4bn which is comparable buying power to a very substantial mul-tiple. The combined group will also have stronger buying power and a stronger position in own brands.

In other respects, too, the companies look a neat fit. Booker is stronger in the North while N&P's stronghold, such as it is, lies in the South. Booker has a stronger position in supplying the catering trade while N&P has been struggling along with its convenience store partners. While this is undoubtedly a case of managing decline and using the cash thrown off by a mature business to invest in other areas, there's nothing nec-

essarily wrong with such a strategy.

Booker has already established cash-andcarry businesses in Portugal and Poland and would like to expand elsewhere in eastern Europe. In these countries the smaller retailer and corner shop is still strong. The superstore operators have yet to gain a stranglehold on food retailing. On the whole, the City likes the deal and the strategy. Unexciting it may be but you cannot

# £100m twist in tail as Lloyd's sets bell ringing

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Three rings of the famous Lutine bell yesterday marked the arrival of the Lloyd's insurance market in a safe port, after Anthony Nelson, the trade and industry minister, gave formal approval to the £3.2bn rescue.

But in a surprise late demand, Mr Nelson insisted that is prepared to find up to £100m in the period to January 2002, to top up the £1.68bn reserves of Equitas, the new reinsurance company at the

heart of the rescue. Mr Nelson said the pledge was required in case interest earnings on Equitas's investments were lower than expected or there was a shortfall in contributions from agents or brokers.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's. said: "Our regulators have driven hard bargains all

He described the extra money as "one more piece of belt and braces that the DTI thinks necessary". But he declined to say whether the names who are members of the market would have to pay.

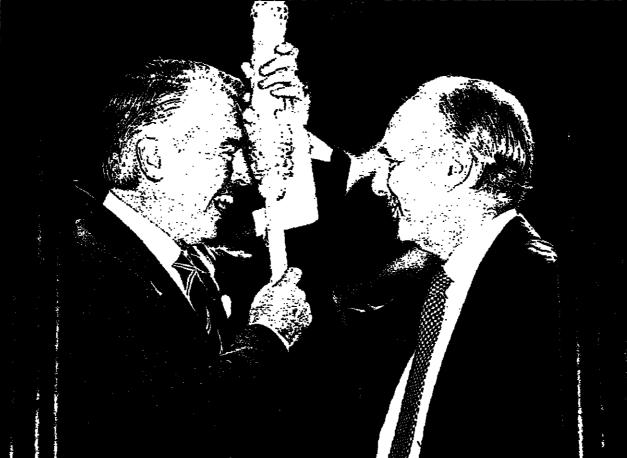
Mr Rowland was speaking after presiding over a variation on the celebrated Lloyd's ceremony of ringing the Lutine bell once for a disaster and twice for good news. The first of the three rings

was a reminder of the £8bn losses at Lloyd's and the other Llovd's give an assurance that two were to announce the good news of the rescue Mr Rowland said: "I wanted

to mark the difference. Once for sorrow and twice for joy was in the history of Lloyd's. This is a very special occasion. The most important thing

for the market to remember is how close we came to not surviving, and the reasons for it,' he told a packed meeting of thousands of Lloyd's professionals in the underwriting room in the insurance market's headquarters in Lime Street, to loud applause.

The bell has been rung more than twice on a previous occasion, though that was when it was rung four times in 1994 for the performance of a specially



Lloyd's finds a safe haven: Anthony Nelson (left) and David Rowland ring the Lutine bell

composed piece of music. The abilities, which were £14.7bn at by the New York Insurance Delast time it was rung twice as a result of good news from the ocean was in 1981 when an overdue Liberian ship was

And the last time it was rung once for a maritime disaster was when wreckage of the tanker Berge Vanga was found

in the South Atlantic in 1979. As a result of the completion of the rescue, Equitas is to reinsure all Lloyd's pre-1992 li-

the end of last year. Claims payments since then have reduced the total to about £11.5bn.

Mr Nelson said that since he conditionally authorised Equitas in March there had been an overall strengthening of its financial position.

The process of transferring money to finance these habilities can now proceed, including trust funds held in the US Photograph: Reuter

Lloyd's would have to be stud-

partment, which has also ied in that context. agreed the rescue and is to con-Mr Nelson is to introduce tinue to be given Lloyd's fi-nancial data to monitor. new regulations in Parliament shortly which will clarify the Yesterday the department apregulatory position for names who wished to leave the Mr Nelson said there would market but have been unable be a review of Lloyd's regulato do so until Equitas starts

operating. Lloyd's is expected formally to pass its annual solvency test at the DTI in the next few

## seek close ties with BSkyB until last week the head of programmes at BSkyB, said: "I will

Channel 5 to

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Channel 5 Broadcasting, owner of Britain's soon-to-be-launched fifth "free" television channel, is to seek close commercial ties with Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB in a move that could include cross-promotion, joint programme acquisition and even an agreement to distribute Channel 5 on satellite.

The strategy is aimed at improving Channel 5's coverage nation-wide, currently forecast at about 70 per cent of homes. It would also allow Channel 5, backed by Pearson and United News & Media, to develop innovative ways of promoting the new service, perhaps by working jointly with BSkyB's huge marketing team.

in exchange, BSkyB would use its ties with Channel 5 to encourage the take-up of satellite dishes. In addition, it is expected that the satellite giant could redirect some of its £100mplus annual advertising budget to Channel 5 to promote its 40 pay-television channels.

Traditionally, Sky has used cinemas, newspapers and radio to advertise its pay-television services, partly because of what Sky insiders regard an an uncooperative attitude from the commercial broadcaster, ITV. David Elstein, chief executive

designate of Channel 5 and

he asking Sky if they are able to supply an Astra [satellite] transponder as it would certainly help us in our business plan." He added that carriage by satellite would provide an op-

portunity for Channel 5 to get into more UK homes. "We would seek to in-fill in the areas beyond our own transmission masts, and we feel it ought to be an opportunity for BSkyB as well to sell satellite Mr Elstein said he would

also be talking with cable operators, and hoped to secure carriage deals to allow Channel 5 into cable homes in time for the launch on 1 January 1997. BSkyB sources confirmed

the plans to develop close links. It is expected that talks will begin in earnest in the next few

"There is no secret that there is a close working relationship between David Elstein and senior executives at Sky," a BSkyB insider said last night.

The Independent reported earlier this year plans by BSkyB and Channel 5 to bid jointly for programming.

The much more extensive co-operation pact now under consideration is seen as a logical next move, and will be directed personally by Mr Elstein on behalf of Channel 5.

## Refuge puts off merger meeting

PETER RODGERS

Refuge and United Friendly yesterday postponed the key shareholders meeting on their £1.5bn merger from next Monday until 26 September after agreeing to improve the terms.

Two of the largest shareholders, Prudential and Britannic Assurance, are believed to be ready to accept the merg-er on the changed terms, but Refuge needs longer to work out the details.

However Perpetual, the fund management group with 7.5 per cent of the shares, said yesterday that new proposals were inadequate.

Refuge and United are to is-

al payments to be made if the Department of Trade and Industry decides to allow some of

the group's "orphan estate" of unclaimed life assurance assets to be given to shareholders. Refuge said in a statement last night that it nevertheless believed that on the basis of its discussions with the DTL there would not be additional value released for shareholders.

Sources close to the company said it still believed it might have won the vote on Monday, but there was no sense in upsetting shareholders.

Perpetual would also like to see a 50:50 split of shareholdings in the enlarged group in-stead of 53 per cent for United sue a note promising additionIN BRIEF

 French GDP declined unexpectedly sharply in the second quarter of the year. The fall of 0.4 per cent was due to weakness across the board, with consumption spending, investment, stocks and exports all down. Finance minister Jean Arthuis, due to present his budget next week, said conditions for growth were in place. He has forecast 2.25-2.5 per cent growth in the second half of the year.

 German orders increased in July for the fourth time in five months, confirming other recent evidence that economic recovery is under way. Pan-German orders were up 0.9 per cent, dominated by the consumer goods sector.

The burden of taxation will have to shift further away from income tax towards taxes on spending, according to Mervyn King, the Bank of England's chief economist. Speaking in a personal capacity at a conference in Geneva, Mr King argued that new technology will make it harder to collect many kinds of tax revenues, but it will be easier to collect VAT. He suggested that taxing capital will be more difficult because of its international mobility.

• JD Wetherspoon, the pub operator, announced a 61 per cent surge in pre-tax profits to £13.1m for the year to 31 July. The company said it had opened 36 new pubs last year. In the current year, it said it had opened four more pubs, boosting its total to 150, with agreements to open an additional 100 sites. The final dividend is 5.9p, lifting the total payout from 8p to 9p.

 Olivetti's shares soured yesterday as the resignation late on Tuesday night of chairman Carlo De Benedetti raised hopes the company would emerge from five years of losses and abandon a management style that investors claim left them in the dark. "We are interested in seeing better stewardship of the company," said Mark Rogers, a fund manager at Nomura Capital Management, who last week met with other Olivetti shareholders to discuss ways of forcing the company to improve its performance. Olivetti shares sourced as much as 73 lire to 799 lire (34p) in the first 10 minutes of trading on the Italian stock exchange before being temporarily suspended. Later, they were up 14 at 740 lire. Bloomberg.

• The UK's gross domestic expenditure on R&D was £14.6bn in cash terms in 1994, up from £13.8bn in 1993. This was almost the same share of gross domestic product - 2.19 per cent compared with 220 per cent - and showed an increase in real terms of 3.7 per cent between the two years. Over the period, pharmaceuticals has overtaken aerospace to become the largest spending industry, spending £1.8bn in 1994 compared with the £1.1bn of aerospace. Chemical industry research remains, apart from these two, the biggest spender with over £800m, though if research on computer related activities were added to that on hardware this could be regarded as the next largest industry in terms of spending at £900m.

• Merrill Lynch is acquiring the Italian brokerage assets of Sweden's Carnegie Group. The acquisition of Carnegie Italia is the first in Italy for the US's largest brokerage. Merrill did not say how much it is paying. Earlier this year, Merrill paid \$29.7m (£19m) for FG Inversiones Bursatiles SA, Madrid's biggest broker. Last year, Merrill bought Britain's Smith New Court for \$842m.
Stockholm-based Carnegie Group is 45 per cent-owned by its employees and 55 per cent by London-based Singer &

### Shares hit as Tesco steps up price wars

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Tesco opened a new round in the supermarket wars yesterday when it announced plans to cut the price of more than 600 of its. most popular lines. Tesco is investing £30m in its "Unbeatable Value" campaign and if a cus-tomer can find a comparable item cheaper elsewhere it will refund twice the price difference.

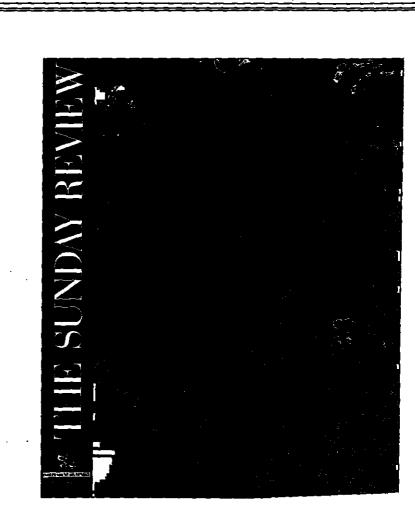
The move immediately sparked a reaction from Sainsbury's, which launched its autumn price savers campaign last week, including "buy one, get one free" deals on 700 items. "If there are any products cheaper at Tesco's, we will match them," Sainsbury's said.

Shares in all the supermarket groups fell as the City anticipated a reaction from rivals. Asda is tipped as the most likely to respond as it has styled itself as the lowest price supermarket. Tesco's shares fell 9p to 291p, Sainsbury's dropped 8p to 76.5p, and Asda's closed 4p down at 106p.

Tesco has struck while Sainsbury's is busy promoting its loyalty card and new figures yesterday showed it was losing ground to Tesco once more in the battle for market share.

Figures compiled by market research group AGB showed that in the four weeks to 25 August, Tesco's share of the UK market increased from 20.7 to 21.4 per cent, compared with the same period last year. Sainsbury's share fell from 19.1 to 18.6 per cent. Safeway and Asda recorded strong gains.

Tony MacNeary of Nat West said the move would weaken the sector and compound the prob-Bloomberg | lems of weaker competitors.



Whatever happened to the idyll of growing up - to those innocent, carefree days before child abuse, abductions and mass divorce? Geraldine Bedell and Blake Morrison lead a major two-part investigation into the realities and myths of contemporary childhood

Plus: an exclusive interview with Alistair Cooke, and the Independent on Sunday/Bloomsbury Short Story Competition

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# Bid-happy investors bank on takeover at Schroders Schroders, the family con-trolled merchant bank, out-

paced the rest of the stock group. market. Its voting shares soared nearly 7 per cent to of a family shareholding hov-1,465p and its non-voters just over 6 per cent to 1,135p as the Despite the recurring flurries, usual array of takeover bid stories swirled around.

With Barings, Kleinwort Benson and SG Warburg falling victims to overseas strikes the remaining independent City merchant banks have acquired a rarity value.

Of the four leading "gen-tlemanly, honourable, blueblooded British merchant banks" only Hambros and Schroders have market roles: Robert Fleming and NM Rothschild have retained unquoted status.

Hambros and Schroders suffer every so often from bouts of market speculation. Last week the vulnerability of Hambros was underlined by the ap-

Schroders has the protection ering just below 50 per cent. the more considered market view is that the family is un-likely to be persuaded, in the

present climate, to sell. Other possibilities which enthral the market include enfranchisement of the non-voting shares and a suspicion the group will embark on the takeover trail; blue-blooded stockbroker Cazenove is one name often in the frame.

Interim figures are due tomorrow. They are not expected to be far removed from last year's £85.6m. For the year, around £197m, a mere £1.6m

increase, is expected. One of the more bizarre theories behind the share surge was that Schroders is offering such fancy pay and incentive

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packages to recruit staff that it 600 lines. Bill Myers at stockmust be performing far more successfully than some of its followers suspect.

Head of equities is Philip Angar, ex-Nat West Securities. He has made a number of highprofile captures, some from his former house, as the group bids to rebuild its equity arm. His latest recruit, leading equity strategist Paul Walton, is arriving from Goldman Sachs.

The market regained some of Tuesday's fall with the FT-SE 100 index improving 16.8 points to 3,872.7. Food retailers went south as another of those price war broker Williams de Broe said: "Although Tesco's move is fairly innocuous the mere fact it is cutting prices won't do sector prices any good".

Tesco fell 9p to 291p; Asda 4.25p to 106p; Safeway 9.5p to 323p and J Sainsbury 8p to On the cash and carry front, Booker jumped 22.5p to 383p

on its surprise takeover bid for Nurdin & Peacock, up 68.5p to

Healthcare group Smith & A £5.1m loss is expected this Nephew added 4.75p to 203.5p allegedly on US buying; the suspicion the US giant, Johnson & Johnson, is keen to some took the view that the

surface. More contracts for mevitable, could be a distant event. United Utilities firmed 6.5p to 230p.

Vodafone, the mobile telephone group, was hit by rumours of more intense competition and talk that push from ABN Amro Hoare NatWest had adopted a more cantions stance. The shares tumbled 15.5p to 223.5p. Maid, the on-line information group, enjoyed a late run with prices of up to 322p recorded. The official close of trading mid-

price was 310p. There is persistent talk of corporate action with Reuters said to be eveing the group. Merrill Lynch likes the shares. Maid is on track to become another important UK-based media company in the tradition of Reuters and Reed," it says.

to 602p following analyst meetings. National Westminster Bank, up 10p to 669.5p. enjoyed Crédit Lyonnais Laing support and Predential got a

Govett, gaining 7p to 432p. Proposed staff cutbacks at Lucas Industries, soon to be Lucas Varity, nudged the shares 3p higher to 236p and product rationalisation at Unilever was good for a 16.5p advance to

1,308p.
Tailow Off was busily traded with the shares, fuelled by stories of oil strikes and takeover hids, up 5.25p to 114.25p.
Lasmo has emerged as a possible bidder, it fell 2.5p to

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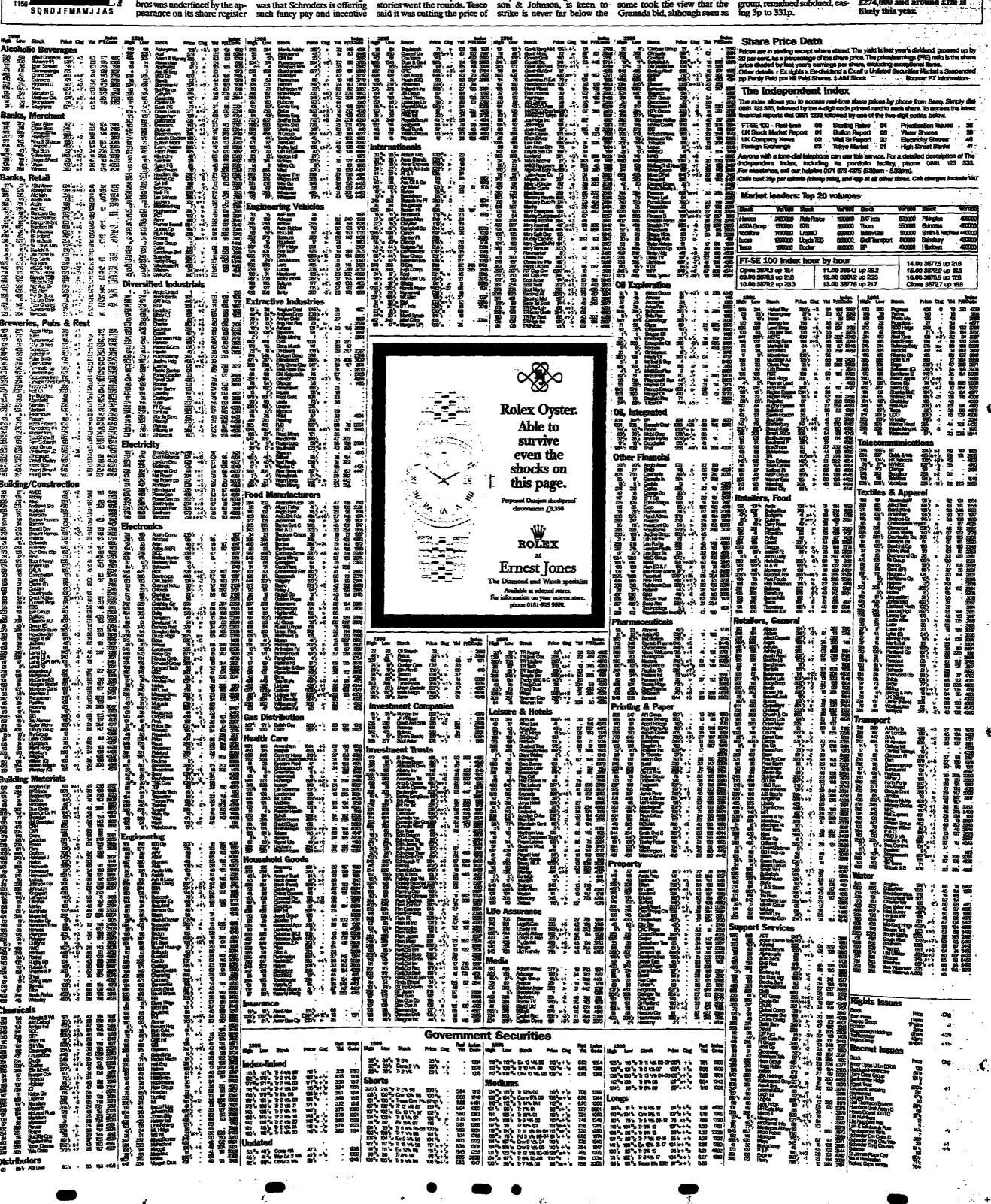
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# Labour looks favourite for the fiscal beauty contest

Tt is 20 years since a balance of payments and sterling crisis forced the then Chancellor, Denis Healey, to turn back from Heathrow Airport and call in an emergency team from the Interna-tional Monetary Fund. The result of the IMF's visit was stringent cuts in public expenditure and higher interest rates in order to bring the balance of payments deficit public sector borrowing and inflation un-der control. In other words, it is two

decades since monetarism arrived on these shores. According to the doyen of opin-ion pollsters, Bob Worcester of Mori, Lord Healey was the most trusted of British Chancellors - in contrast to Kenneth Clarke, who ranks only a little above Norman ERM" Lamont. However, the mess he made of managing the economy played a big part in Labour's 1979 downfall, if only indirectly through the spending cuts prescribed by the IMF.

Mr Worcester points out that voters judge governments' economic competence according to the stan- £45.4bn in 1993-94, before the dards the politicians set themselves. For Harold Wilson it was the strength of the pound; he devalued. In the late 1970s it was the UK's manufacturing and export prowess; the balance of payments chasm yawned. The next election will reveal how clearly voters remember John Major's passionate defence of sterling's parity in the exchange rate mechanism, and whether "Black Conservatives gained office). Of Wednesday" nearly four years ago

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ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

they would like us to believe. As the Independent made clear earlier this week, using official statistics, the Conservatives have been guilty of asset-stripping in order to finance current spending. One-offs such as privatisation revenues have helped pay for government spending and tax cuts.

The pre-1992 election binge led to a build-up in the Public Sector peaked at 7 per cent of GDP or election task.

der. They have not been as good as tor finances in recent history is instructive. It partly explains why the "tax and spend" option has vanished from politics. Voters now face a choice between the "no-tax and no-spend" promises of New Labour and "no-tax but carry on spending" record of the Government. Labour still needs to erase the memory of its last administration. The Tories simply have the habit, and are unlikely to break it before the election. Borrowing Requirement, which Reducing expenditure is not a pre-

Although Mr Clarke rightly

points out that he has delivered

public spending on target for three

years in a row, that has been ac-

complished by reductions in capi-

tal spending and running costs.

Further trimming here will be hard-er, especially if the Private Fi-

nance Initiative continues to limp

The forthcoming Budget will of-fer Labour the chance to pull

ahead in the fiscal beauty contest.

For Mr Clarke's broad strategy is

most likely to be the same as last

year's. A billion or two off spend-

The Tories simply have the spending habit and are unlikely to break it

along feebly.

post-election tax increases had started to put the books into better order. Add back the privatisation revenues, the asset-stripping element, and it was 8 per cent of

This is not too far from the Healey peak of 9.5 per cent of GDP in 1975-76 ("only" £10.3bn in those days, before the fiscally challenged course, the PSBR has shrunk markedly during the past three years, and Mr Clarke promises that it will be zero at the turn of the

money for a "responsible" penny or two off the basic rate and an increase in allowances for the low The fact that the Treasury turned

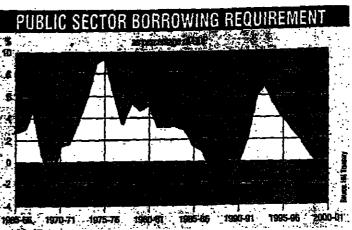
over-pessimistic about the likely growth in tax revenues in its midyear forecast, after a couple of years of over-optimism, will make for some pleasant surprises on the monthly PSBR figures in the runup to the Budget and the subsequent election.

The projections published in the Budget Red Book will take advantage of the cyclical improvement in order to continue to portray a steady decline in the borrowing requirement towards zero around

This strategy will leave the way open for Labour to say where the arithmetic has been massaged and how bad a fiscal position they think they will inherit. Tony Blair has set out a long-term objective of a 10 pence tax rate for the low paid. The next step is to get the bad news out with a forecast of what public sector borrowing is really likely to be in 1997-98 and beyond.

The big issue for Labour will then be whether to take the final step and say precisely what short-term increase in tax revenues will be needed to make sure public sector borrowing is no greater than public sector investment - the "gold-en rule" for sustainability to which the party has committed itself - and how they would do it. There is a case for arguing that precision about the numbers is better than vague fears.

The longer-term issue for any





penditure is higher than growth in revenues. If the scale of the public sector is to shrink, it has to shrink on both sides of the accounts. This would mean rethinking the way the welfare state has been allowed to expand, and reversing two or three

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decades worth of entitlements. As the French economist Daniel Cohen has argued persuasively in a recent book", it was the "golden age" of post-war prosperity, the out of the ordinary growth rates experienced during the 1950s and 1960s, that allowed the industrialised economies to afford their welfare states. A high rate of economic growth delivers rapid increases in tax revenues. Provision of public services and benefits can increase in line with the economy.

The adjustment to the post-1973 growth slowdown has proved, so far, impossible. During the past two decades public sector borrowing has averaged 4.5 per cent of GDP, 7 per cent under Labour and 3.5 per cent under the Conservatives.

Mr Clarke's implicit strategy is to assume that the economy's potential growth has increased from its post-golden age average of 2 per cent. The long term does not worry him. He is relying on the return of golden growth rather than the discipline of the golden rule.

In New Labour there is a greater willingness to think the unthinkable, although not necessarily speak the unthinkable, about imposing genuine discipline on the public sector finances and rethinking the structure of the welfare state. Lord Healey's Chancellorship casts a long shadow over the party.

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# Frentzen on fast track at Williams

Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP

Heinz-Harald Frentzen was confirmed vesterday as Damon Hill's replacement in the Williams-Renault Formula One team.

In a brief statement, Williams said the 29-year-old German would be partnering Jacques Villeneuve next season - but made no mention of 1998.

It had been understood that Frentzen, who has had three seasons with Sauber, would be Signing a two-year contract, but the second year may be subject to the team's discretion.

Frank Williams, the team director, also gave a three-sentence appreciation of Hill, who leads the World Championship by 13 points from Villeneuve with three races remaining.

"Damon has contributed greatly to the team both as a test and race driver - he has done an excellent job for us," Williams said. "I think his record speaks for itself, as very few drivers have ever approached his record of 20 wins in 64 starts. He will be missed by everyone at our Grove factory and we will wish him the best of luck for the remainder of this year, as well as

Monza on Sunday. If he wins that race, and Villeneuve is no better than fourth, the Englishman's mission will be accomplished.

Jordan-Peugeot remain the favourites to sign the 35-year-old Hill for next season, although he has also been linked with a possible move to IndyCars.

Frentzen's arrival in Formula One's top team will have Germany's motor racing followers salivating at the prospect of his confronting Michael Schumacher

In their earlier days, as members of the Mercedes "junior" sports car team, many rated Frentzen the mucker of the two drivers. He is, however, almost two years older than Schumacher, who developed rapidly and was more dedicated to his job.

Frentzen was more laid-back, enjoyed life beyond the race track and was left behind by Schumacher, Germany's idol. and Frentzen's girlfriend joined the flow, eventually becoming Mrs Schumacher.

Born in Mönchengladbach, Frentzen had a familiar grounding, starting in karts, becoming the German junior champion.

Hill resumes his quest for the and graduating to cars. He adtitle in the Italian Grand Prix at vanced through Formula Ford 2000 and Formula 3 to join Eddie Jordan's Formula 3000 team, as well as the Mercedes organisation.

While Schumacher was emerging as the new golden boy of Formula One. Frentzen was plying his trade in Japanese Formula 3000 and sports car championships.

His break in Formula One came in 1994, when he returned to the Sauber-Mercedes camp for their assault on motor racing's premier category. However, Mercedes switched to McLaren after the first season and Sauber have failed to make a significant impact.

Frentzen's best result is third place, ironically at Monza last year, but presumably he has shown sufficient potential to assure Williams he is worthy of

He is patently fast and his erratic form this season may have more to do with frustration than true ability. If he is good enough, he will have no need to drive over the limit next

All Germany will be watching with fascination - and probably no one with greater interest



Happy to be Heinz-Harald: Frentzen moves to Williams next season Photograph: Empics

Indurain 'to retire'

Cycling

Miguel Indurain, the five-times Tour de France champion, is likely to retire this year, say sources close to his Banesto

Indurain, 32, whose contract expires in December, failed to record a sixth successive win in the Tour this year but won gold in the time trial at the Olympics. Friends have been trying to persuade Indurain to change his mind, but it is believed the rider will announce his retirement in the next few days.

A Banesto spokesman said it was too soon to comment on Indurain's future, but his manag-er, Francis Lafargue, said

Indurain would not compete for another season just for the money. "Miguel is an honest man. His engine is as powerful as ever and he is only 32-yearsold," Lafargue said. "But if he feels he can no longer be his former self, he won't do one more season just for the money."

The Banesto spokesman said: "We are focusing on the Tour of Spain and, when the moment comes to renew the contract, we will see."

was not keen to race in the three-week Tour of Spain, starting in Valencia on Saturday. "I didn't particularly want to do it but the team decides," he said. "Physically I am well, but

mentally I'm not.

Colin Montgomerie is out to

ANDY FARRELL

reports from Hanbury Manor

When Seve Ballesteros took

over as captain of the European

Ryder Cup team, he requested

four wild card selections. It

was rejected on the basis that,

having won with two last year.

the situation should remain un-

changed. Mickey Walker, his

counterpart for the women's

Solheim Cup, had five choices

and used them last Sunday to

complete her team to face the

Americans at St Pierre in two

to pick the top 12 players in Europe," Walker said. "If I had had

12 choices, it would have been

the same team." Among the picks were three Swedes, Helen

Alfredsson, Liselotte Neumann,

and Catrin Nikmark, who holed

the winning putt at Dalmahoy

four years ago, and the Scots

Kathryn Marshall and Dale

Reid. After the effort of making

the team, most are resting this

week, but Reid, Trish Johnson

and the world No 1, Laura

The system has allowed me

weeks time.

Last month Indurain said he

Davies puts in Edde double effort Greenbrier, where the Americans were lucky, we have all

wanted to get the cup back." Two years ago, the USA won "The Solheim Cup is the most important thing in women's golf," Walker said. "I feel passionately about it and so

does every member of the team. For the wild cards I was looking for people who respond to the pressure of playing in the Solheim Cup, which is really unique. You want players you know can cope with that and be inspired and not just fall apart. Dale comes into that category." Davies only arrived at Hanbury Manor yesterday after-

noon after more dramatics in the Rail Classic in America on Monday. She birdied six of the last seven holes, including holing a bunker shot at the last, to get into a play-off. Michelle Mc-Gann halted her charge to a second successive win, but Davies' four victories on the LPGA Tour mean she has a \$110,000 lead at the top of the US money list. First or second prize this week would vault her above Alfredsson on the European Order of

Davies, begin the Solheim countdown today here in Hert-Her quest to do the double means the Solheim Cup will be 🕊 fordshire at the European Open. Reid, 37, will be one of six Davies' 11th event in a row. players to have played in all four Walker is not worried. "Laura leams since the inaugural match has proved that she's got the cain 1990, but has not had the best pacity to play golf and travel unlike nobody else in the world. of seasons. After a last round 80 in Sweden, Reid thought her If you told her to take three chance had gone. "When I was weeks off, she would be itching told I was in, I was pleasantly shocked." Reid said. "I thought to get back. But although she plays a lot of golf, she does not I had blown it. Waiting to find play a lot of practice rounds. out was the longest three or four Laura wants to get the cup back hours of my life. Ever since The as much as anyone."

### Allenby in the Alps

maintain his assault on the summit of the European rankings with victory in the Swiss Alps this weekend. The Scot struggled to joint ninth place on the dodgy greens in the British Masters at Collingtree Park last week, and will be hoping for improved fortunes in the European Masters which starts today at Crans-sur-Sierre.

Montgomerie, aiming to finish as the European No 1 for the fourth successive year, needs a win to go back to the top of the Order of Merit.

Ian Woosnam, an absentee this week, leads the money list with £510,258 - £68,000 ahead of second-placed Montgomerie with the Australian, Robert Allenby, who coped best with the Collingtree greens to emerge victorious, a further £35,000 behind. Montgomerie and Allenby

are playing together for the first two rounds as they tackle a course high up in the mountains - 5,000 feet above sea level.

## **Penny drops for Warrington**

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

In what looks less like clearing

the decks than throwing the crew overhoard. Warrington have transfer-listed 19 players. The former Great Britain Under-21 full-back, Lee Penny. heads the list of those invited to

walk the plank at £120.000, with four others who have appeared in the first team this season – Mark Jones, Salesi Finau. Paul Barrow and John Hough - all available at £35,000 apiece. Barrow cost £60,000 from

Swinton last year, while Jones and Jason Lee, listed at £20,000. are both current Welsh interna- ready estranged from their Stones Super League Player of

tionals. A former Great Britain player, Andy Currier, who has been on loan to South Wales for most of the season, is also available for a permanent transfer at £20,000. The club is also releasing the Australian hooker, Kris cy to finance a first team player these days," said the Warrington chairman. Peter Higham. "If they aren't doing

the business, they have to go, Higham said that the club had incoming players lined up, including some from overseas, which explains the need to unload Watson and Finau, who hails from Tonga, from their import quota, Warrington are al-

most valuable player, lestyn Harris, who is on the list at a world record £1.4m. The club has complained to the Rugby League over a statement that he will not be allowed to sign for a rughy union club, sever-Watson, "It costs a lot of mon- al of which have made substantial offers to him.

"We had the deal of the century lined up and we don't believe that the League has any right to interfere in clubs' contractual business," said Higham.

Robbie Paul, who is to guest with Harlequins during the winter, has signed a new four-year contract with the Bradford Bulls. Paul, the 20-year-old club captain who was voted Odsal until 2000. The St Helens forward. Chris

Joynt, is to have a knee operation next week, after the Premiership final against Wigan, and could miss the early stages of Great Britain's southern hemisphere tour.

Phil Larder, whose contract at Keighley ends after Sunday's Divisional Premiership final against Salford, has denied reports that he is to join Wigan as director of coaching.

a Manchester property company, is the new chairman at Widnes, succeeding Jim Mills, who resigned last week.

# PLAY FORMULA 1 DREA

season

Even though the grand prix season is unwits against other enthusiasts and you could win our overall prize, a drive in a Formu-

a chassis and an engine; your budget is £40 million. Make your selections from the grand prix shopping list (printed right); the only restriction is that your third driver must come from the £1 million category.

page. Remember, there are prizes for the winning Dream Team in each individual grand prix so you can enter a different team for each race.

### **HOW YOU SCORE**

Points are awarded per race to the top six finishers, based on the Formula One World Championship points scoring system (10, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1) but with an extra 10 points awarded to each of the top six finishers. All drivers are eligible to score for a top six finish but can also notch up

■ The fastest driver in race-day warmup will collect six points, with five for the second and so on down to one point for the sixth quickest.

tion. Points are not deducted by losing places.

Five points are lost if your driver posts

If your driver makes the quickest pitstop (from the entry of the pitlane to the exit) you gain five points.

• If your driver sets the fastest lap time in the race, you gain five points.

If your driver starts on pole position, you gain five points. The Independent will name a Driver

of the Day after each race for a particularly impressive performance,

the first chassis retirement will count if they are both among the first five to

# The Great Britain coach.

Tony Chambers, a director of

# WIN a drive in a grand prix car

formula 1 Dream Team is just like Fantasy Football: you pick and manage your dream grand prix team to score points over the

derway, it is not too late to join in: pit your win our prize for the Italian Grand Prix. The champion of the 1996 grand prix season will Your team must comprise three drivers,

Details of how to enter are given on this

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Drivers score one point for each place they make up over their grid posi-

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Chassis score and lose points in engine. You must not exceed your budget of £40 million.

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key in the code numbers of your driver.

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This is confirmation of your entry and will enable you to access the score check-There is no limit on the number of teams an individual can enter, but only one team can be registered per call.

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CHECKING YOUR SCORE

You can check your team's position at any time by calling 0891 891 806 and quoting your PIN number. If you want to know the individual driver, chassis and engine scores from the most recent race, call 0891 891 807. This line will also list the Top 50 Formula One Dream Teams.

1. All telephone calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at all other times, with a typical call to secure your entry lasting between five and seven minutes.

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22 G Fisichella\* 23 V Sospini\* 24 T Marques\* 25 F Lagorce\* 26 H Noda\* 27 Tinque\*

29 J-C Bouillon\* 30 K Brack\* 31 K Burt\* 32 E Collard\*

33 N Fontana\* 34 D Franchitti\* 35 N Larini\* 36 J Magnussen\* 37 A Prost\*

September 8
Portuguese GP
September 22 38 G Tarquini\* 39 K Wendlinger\* \*Not competing in Italian GP but may compete later



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Todd in

tandem

with two

mounts

Mark Todd and Bertie Blunt,

the horse he rode to victory at Badminton in May, will be well

fancied to add the Pedigree

Chum Trophy to their awards

when the Burghley Horse Tri-

als begin in Lincolnshire this morning. Robert and Melita Howell's 12-year-old chestnut

gelding has proved his talent in

all three phases and he will have

one of the world's greatest rid-

ers in the 40-year-old dual

Olympic champion from New

Bertie Blunt was ineligible for

this year's Olympic Games, be-

cause he was not registered in

New Zealand and, when Kayem

injured a shoulder in Atlanta,

Todd was without a ride. He

may well find compensation at

Burghley, where he will be

Todd's first mount will be Susan Lamb's Kingarrie, with whom he was fourth at Pratoni

del Vivaro in Italy this year. He

riding two horses.

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Two of Britain's Olympic riders, Karen Dixon and Mary King, will be aiming to put the disappointments of Atlanta behind them. Dixon rides her gallant 15-year-old Get Smart, in his 15th three-day event, and King will be on Star Appeal.

### **Netherlands** finish off poor England

Hockey BITT COFMIT

reports from Vejle, Denmark

England were taught a finishing lesson by the Netherlands in their last pool game in the European Junior Championships bere yesterday, when they were beaten 4-2. England will now play Germany in tomorrow's semi-finals. Germany drew 3-3 in their last pool game with Spain, who will play the Dutch. Once again it was the all-too-

familiar failings of English squads, poor finishing and lapses of concentration, which allowed the Dutch to take control. A missed opportunity by England as early as the fifth minute

became the pattern of the game. A half-time reshuffle injected life into England's attack, with Alistair Boyse scoring when he followed up a penalty corner in the 44th minute. After wasting an earlier penalty stroke, which he hit straight at the goalkeeper, Mark Pearn redeemed bimself in the 55th

redeemed Dimisell In the 35th minute by finding the net.

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med. AMD: I Ebsworth (Reddingtor); K Ressby (Texingtor), K Yould Fasorti, I Essaeth Contectury), R Taylor (Hasert), Mesuprest Kocher
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The number of Kent players who weigh more than 13st 7lb, making the championship leaders the chunkiest team on the county circuit. The slimmest side are Glamorgan, whose average weight is 12st 2lb.



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BOW LAND WEEK

# Eddery free for St Leger favourite

Racing

JOHN COBB

The chief protagonists started to shape up yesterday for the race that could decide the destiny of this season's trainers' championship. With only the top of the trainers' table, the £225,000 prize-money for the St Leger on Saturday week may be

on Saturday week. Eddery went before the stewards at York to hear what punishment he would receive for a whip offence on Eva Luna in the Galtres Stakes at the course's Ebor meeting.

Fortunately for Eddery, the stewards decided that his offence merited no more than a two-day suspension, which he can serve on the day before the Leger and the Monday after the Classic. Had the punishment been any more severe, the rules would not have permitted splitting the ban around days when there is Group One racing.

Cecil, Eva Luna's trainer, had described Eddery's ride on the filly as one of the best he had seen all season. "The stewards obviously decided I used the whip more than was allowed

surprised that there was an inquiry. I had waited for the weigh in and took my time before going home and it was only later that I heard about it." While Cecil's anxiety over

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Summerhill Special (York 5.10) NB: Meznh (York 4.40) Eddery's availability is now re-

solved, the Godolphin team must start scanning the ranks of jockeys for partners for Sharaf Kabeer and Pricket, their Leger hopes. Frankie Dettori is likely to

appears to have chosen against joint favourite [and is now desert the pair and is "90% cerpushed out to 9-2] in favour of tain", according to his agent, Shantou who was 12-1 this

dery, the regular rider of Cecil's

Dushyantor, the Leger favourite, was freed to ride in the race

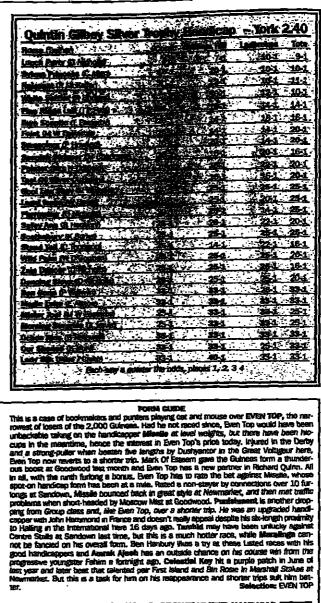
But the filly was lazy and I just had to keep at her," Eddery said. "I must admit that I was Shantou, who came back to like that."

Matty Cowing to ride Sheikh Mohammed's Derby third, Sherlock Holmes to follow clues like that." form at Windsor last month. The detective work is more Godolphin have provided Detdemanding at York today when tori with all four of his British

the most spectacular event Classic wins, including Classic Cliche in last year's St Leger. should be the 27-runner Quintin Gilbey Silver Trophy. "Frankie thinks Shantou is coming back to himself now," As the event is restricted to horses rated below 75, the Ce-Cowing said. "He was impressed with him at Windsor." cil and bin Suroor stables would hardly have a horse eligible for the race and this can fall to the take Dettori's hint and Ladrather smaller Newmarket yard brokes reported that Shantou of Conrad Allen who saddles was supported with them to 8-Sylvan Princess (2.40). She has 1 from 12-1 yesterday.
"The effect of Frankie's the benefit of a low draw and the excellent Martin Dwyer is able to take 5lb off ber back with booking is really marked in

ST LEGER (Doncaster, 14 September), Lad-brottes: 7-2 Dushyamtor & Mors, 9-2 Shertel Kabeer (from 7-2), 8-1 Shertoru (from 12-1) & Heron Island, 10-1 Gardi & St Maxwes, 14-1 Clericanted & Protet, 16-1 Chef Contender, Flying Legend & Jack Jennings, 25-1 others. 5-1 Lady Carta "with a run".

his apprentice allowance.



3.40 SUN LIFE OF CANADA GARROWBY RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £20,000 added 3YO 1m 4f

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Washrook.

1995: Mazzen 3 9 0 J Red 9-2 (M Stoute) 7 cm

FORM GUIDE

ARABIAN STORY would have been the selection even without the latest stroll at Epsom with Luis Urbano. The opposition in that race was modest, but Araban Story at left them for dead to come home 1.1 lengths clear. A small penalty takes Arabian Story to just 2to from figuring in the handicap proper and he's well treated on his five-length stath to Frequent at Goodwood and on his smooth Windsor wan from Infamous. Brandon Magile, so not to Generate the Newbury, has to concede 8th and seems to prefer some cut in the ground. Pleasant Surprise is a tough son, who finished a creditable fourth to Sermaen at Royal Ascot, while General Macanthur was entitled to just need the tun first for over two months) when fourth to Celesual Chor at the Ebor Meeting. Selections ARABIAN STURY

4-10 HUNTINGTON NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 270 1m

5.10 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m 2f 85yds

FORM GUIDE NAM MARSTRO has a leating chance in another monater field. Forzing tactics sa

CUMBRIANT MEASTRO has a leating chance in another monater text. Forcing secret such off his four rhais at Bearriey last month and he bean all except Comrace bridge at Ripon 12 days later. Mineter Clenty won in his first-time bilinkers at Chester lest week for which he is perisland 5th. He has Fergal Lynch on board, but this tooks a stemer text and Rasayed, thit to him at Chester, neares makely and bids to win this race for the second owns. Sleep' Daws and Cubers Roof are the types to take a hand, while Ring Of Vision gats a 3th put for the length-and-a-hair beating by Sould Dealine at Newmarkst last month. Roof Reservice a bit short on expendence, but has taken part in some strong races and a good run is expected now he's up in distance.

Selection: CUMBRIAN MAESTRO

BETTHER 9-2 General's Star, 5-1 Mading, 11-2 Party No. dan, 10-1 httls., 12-1 Zorba, 14-1 others 1999: Randox 2 9 7 W Pign 11-2 (B harboy) 11 Wn

YORK

2.00 Tycoon Todd 2.40 Playmaker 3.10 Amrak Alash 3.40 Warbrook

Punters did not take long to

this instance," Ian Wassell, Lad-

brokes spokesman, said. "He

naraf Kabeer who was 7-2

HYPERION 4.10 PARTY ROMANCE (nap) 4.40 Mount Pleasant (nb) 5.10 Cumbrian Maestro

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

STAILS: 5f and 6f ~ far side; round course ~ inside (except 7f ~ stands side).

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low invoured for 7f and upwards.

Left-hand, U-shaped course. Flat and ideal for the powerful galloper.

Course is Im south of city on AUGB. York station Im ADMUSSION: Course Sand 518 (16-25 year-olds 511); Tatternalls \$10; Silver Ring \$5 (OAPs 52.50); Course \$3 (OAPs 51.60). Accompanied under-fits free all enclosures. CAR PARK: Free.

ELRADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: H Cecil - 19 winners from 108 runners gives a success ratio of 36.5% and a loss to a 51 level stake of \$7.5%; J Gooden - 26 winners, 114 runners, 22.8%, 46.44; M Stonte - 25 winners, 138 runners, 18.1%, +516.05; J Dunlop - 19 winners, 97 runners, 19.6%, 520.58; W Langers, 18.1%, +54.07; L Dettori- 42 wins, 192 rides, 21.9%, +525.58; W Carson - 38 wins, 225 rules, 16.5%, 439.50; W E Swinswar - 20 wins, 152 rides, 13.3%, +50.13.

RININERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Southebery (2.40) won at Musselbergin on Thursday, Minster Glary (York 5.10) won at Chester on Friday.

LONG-DISTAINCE EUNNERS: Pointer (2.40) & Samuneritill Special (5.10) have been sent, 334 miles by him Nerys Duffield from Armouth, Devon; Zura (4.40) sent 276 miles by Miss

Kellena	y from Whiteenbe, Desset.
10	WEATHERBYS/HISCOX HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £8,000 added 2YO 6F
	AMICO (Guy Reed) C Thoman 9 0
	DARRING FLIGHT (18) (ISF) (Henryli De Yensstovesig Lord Huntingston 9 0
_	JORN RIMES (100) (Richard Green (Fine Paintes)) M Bell 9 0 M Fenteus 5 NGEST CHORES (M ) Machine 19 0 Charles 15 OUT OF SIGNE (16) IO J Man B Melalation 9 0 G Carter 2
	OUT OF SIGNEY (15) (D.J. Alberg B. Meddanton 9.0
30	THORNION (USA) (Shelin Notammed)   Goodin 9 0
	WHILD CHEEDING (USA) (Chinosky Perik Stud) M Spores 9 0

ote) J Spearing 8 9... — 1.6 declared —
BETTENG: 9-2 Houselon, 5-1 Tycone York, Wind Chestali, 11-2 Henry Webre, 7-1 Yorkie Georgis,
10-1 Decing Flight, Nightere, 12-3 Housel Blver, Speechall, 14-1 others
1506: Leonine 2 9 0 Y Quint 7-2 (P Cole) 18 ron

Other Pester, booked for Punishment in the Strensal Stakes, has also been snepped up by David Loder for TYCOON TODO, a grey newcomer son of Cozzens out of a winning juvenile in America Loder was in binding form with his youngsters at the Boor meeting closting with Abou Zouz, Indiscread and Blanca News - and Tyooon Todd has a favourable high-number draw. Michael Stoute is newcomer Wited Cheetash is drawn low, but the staorm and the Storm Cat cost is a half-brother to White Cro ble's juveniles are in fine form and the Storm Cat cold is a nati-ordiner to Write Crown, with-ner of the Domington Castle and Solario Stakes for Ben Hanbury four years ago. With an outside draw Ed Duntop's Broad River (Richard Quinn) is a likely danger – the coit being by class American winner Broad Brush. John Godden's Thombon should be forward, being a January foal by Woodman out of a half-sister to Pebbles. Harry Welfun is a Henry Cedi-trained Distant Relative coit out of a half-sister to class miler Muteadiamah, while the in-form John Egan has been booked by Ian Balding for Speedball, another January foal by norm John Egain has been boxed by an abung or specialists, and has an artists activities activities activities when the separate of an high meiden. Dering Flight has expenience and is up a needed furiong after Pompiract (5f). Not given a hard time when held behind A Bresze, he can improve and is preferred to the early-season performers John Emmas and Quagan's Pageaux. Linia was a debut winner for Luca Cument in July and Yorkide Georgie is a specifiy-brief February had by Elisio, but there is more stamina than speed on the dam's site of Mallime.

Selection: TYCOON TOOD

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Selection: TYCOON TOOD	Part   resignated Call gard gardings Of Call Found Love, this cost materials and the	,
SERCORE I TOUCH TOUR	side benth in stall 11. Ben Hambury must have thought something of Party Romance to pitch	1
	him into the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot on his debut and a close fourth to Shamikin	1
40 QUINTIN GLBEY SILVER TROPHY (HANDICAP) (CLASS D) £10,000 added 7f	justified the faith. The grey was a game third to Tarsic at Sandown last time when running	ı
AU COMING CORE SELECT SECURITY (MANAGER) PROPERTY	from the front and could just be a bit better class than these. After seeing her win with any	т
- TO (CLASS D) £10,000 added 7f (関係要別	amount in hand on Wolverhampton's sand. Mudfleo ran in the strong Newcastle nursery	ı
	won by The Fly. She just failed to lest out that searching mile and, off the same rating here.	1
10,0013- BEN SUNN (405) (D) (Abrael Whae) P Waken 4 10 0	must take some beating over this turning trip. Ben's Ridge was about seven lengths behind	T.
511435 WILD PALM (20) (D) (S Fastol) W O'Somen 4 9 12	Muchan at Newcastle and he came out to win a Musselburgh hursery. Zorbe was a close	J I
003110 LEGAL 1859.E (55) (D) (B Valentine) W Hardt 498		1
305211 NHSSANT (6) (7) (William Baham) R McKeller 3 9 7 (6ex)	third there and he comes out on a par with General's Star, who battled herd for a head	1
003123 WHITE SETTLER (21) (D) () November R Hodges 3 9 6	win from Ben's Ridge at Ayr. General's Star is the type to get better, while Intiffa, who re-	Ł
012405 TAEL OF SILVER (10) (P) (Peter G Freeman) A Bailey 4 9 6 6 Deficiel 13	versed debut form with Sever Purse at Windsor, is interesting at this step up in distance.	1.3
	Soden, hampered in Double Gold's nursery at Newbury, is preferred to Mick Easterby's pair	•
101253 PINE REGELLO (11) (P) (Whotestoneolde Recreg) / L Gyre 695	and David Moriey's modest type, Marwell. Selection: PARTY ROMANCE	П
(163000) DANICING SIOUX (20) (D) IS A Barningham) D Nichols 4 9 5Alex Greanes 14		1
11A131 SYLIGHN PRINCESS (IA) (I) (Camelot Racing) CAllen 393		11
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032503 SAMSOLOM (149 (0) (C Hammond) P Howley 8 8 13 K Fellon 6	3 540302 VAN GURP (12) (Berouthe Stud Ltd) B McMehon 9 0	L
311426 PORKIER (15) (D) (in For Tite Cack) Mrs N Duffeld 4 8 12	4 032, ZURS (10) (BF) (Blandlord Thomoughbeats) Miss Gay Reliency 9 D	П
210-120 LUNCH PARTY (19) (D) (S Albert) D Nicholle 4 8 10	5 05- AMENISTON LASS (356) (M.) Higgins P.D. Bens 8 9	1
O-00002 SPANISH STREPPER (USA) (IA) (Tony Sected) M Chapmen 5810	6 52 MEZPH (CR) (Negritar Al Mellourn) H Thomson Jones 8 9 G Carter 7 7 MRNUTSAGO (Guy Reed) C Thomson 8 9	П
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	Lass. Witnesbad's	1.
155360 WESTER JUSE (10) (Philip A James) M W Easterby 3 8 9	1995: Delta Sciel 3 8 12 Pat Endery 5-4 (P W Herne) 5 ren	ı,
062200 MORRENG SURPRISE (24) (EIF) (Mis. () B Brazel) A James 3 8 8	FORM CADE	Į
401880 OUR SHWDEE (USA) (T) (D) (KT bory) K bory 6 B 3	On William Hill Trooky day in June, Paul Cole won a similar race to this with Kustle Liole, The	1
680156 LADY SILK (40) (Mel Japlacon) Miss J Creat 582		L
002444 GOOL LEE SHAY (USA) (12) (Willem Haderstey) R Windows 3 8 1	stable's NOUNT PLEASANT also comes here with two runs under the belt and he can up-	ľ
041026 MARIC LAKE (7) (D) (SIF) (P D Endon) E Alston 3 7 13	stage Zers, Van Gerp and Mazzah. Mount Pleasant's runs have been over further, but his	Ľ
111505 FORST (79) GET (0) F Spensel M W Exercity 4 ? 12Date Otheren 15	half-brother Moorish was a winner over a mile. His task was severe on his Windsor debut	1.
- 27 deciared =	against Henry Cecil's Turning Wheel, and Derby runner Busy Flight was also too aman for	ı
	him at Ripon. On both occasions Mount Plassant was three lengths behind the well-regarded.	į,
TRIG: B-1 Lanck Party, 10-1 Sylvan Princess, White Settler, 11-1 Neissant, 14-1 Pine Hidge	Multicoloured, and the form is sound enough. Zurs has shown promise for Gey Kelleway.	1.
, 16-1 Euro Sceptic, Speebat Stripper, Stand Tall, Zain Daucer, 28-1 Decided Stone, Point, Point-	but he ids best watched after a defeat by Lothjorian at Newcastle. Van Gurp has been beet	ı
Safey Anne, Samotion, Tuel Of Silver, Wild Palm, 25-1 others	on by some decent types. Mazzin takes on the colds after two runs against her own sex.	J.
5: Semah 5 9 8 N Connotton 7-2 (D Nacholls) 18 ren	She kept on samely assinst Keny Ring at Sandown a fortnight ago, but it is difficult to be	1
FORM GUIDE	sure the form amounts to much. Stellar Line is herd to fancy after two poor runs this jarm,	1
	but Wilmebego is worth a call being from the family of Apache and Warpeth.	ì.
TTE SETTLER won his melden at Chepstow over this trip and has done little wrong since.	Selection: MOUNT PLEASANT	1.
was outstayed by Sylven Princess over Salebury's rafe and now gats a 10th pull, and	SQUECUQUE MOUNT PLEASANT	1
found six furlongs too short on the same course when third to La Petite Fusee. He	h in the second of the second	L
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	3	009001	MARRIENZA (17) (D K R & Max J B C Oliver) Lady Harriers 492	cine C'Shee i
-	4	404066	PCMSS-MENT (10) (A.J. Richards) C Balton 592	O Pender !
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	1 2	ZT-101Z	TAMBETO (USA) (22) (Hamdan Al Maldoum) H Thomson Joyes 3 8 10	6 Center I
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21 15530 WESTER JUEL (10) (Filip A Javes) M W Enstady 3 8 9 5 Porkin (6) 23 B
22 052200 MORRING SURPRISE (24) (85) July D B Basen) A Javes 3 8 8 5 C Carver (7) 6
23 401580 OUR SHANDE (USA) (7) (9) (KT bod) K hory 6 8 3 5 C Scally 21 V
24 680158 LADY SUL, (40) July Jackson's Mess J Case 5 8 2 5 A McGlose 7
25 002444 6900, LEE SHAY (USA) (12) (Million Hatterslay) K Whitelet 3 8 1 5 James 19 Familing 9 V
20 0451026 MMARC LARE (7) (9) (RF) (F D Enton) E Alsten 3 7 13 5 Shaphan Davide 27
27 111505 FORST (78) (RF) (8) F Spence) M W Besterby 4 7 12 5 David Gibson 15 27
27 declared 8ETENG: 8-1 Langle Ferty, 10-1 Sylvers Princess, Wild Polic, 25-1 Oberclay Sham, Folia, Politics, Safety Anna, Samotolors, Tuel Of Silver, Wild Polic, 25-1 Oberclay Sham, Folia, Politics, Safety Anna, Samotolors, Tuel Of Silver, Wild Polic, 25-1 Oberclay Sham, Folia, Politics, Safety Anna, Samotolors, Tuel Of Silver, Wild Politic, 25-1 Oberclay Sham, Folia, Politics, 1985; Sungla 5 9 8 N Connection 7-2 (D Machold 18) no FORMA GAUDDE

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4.20: 1. NAYAL GAZER (D R McCabe) 8-4.20: 1. NAVAL GAZER (D R MCLobs) 81; 2. Velces in The Sity 11-2 far; 3. Sitha 6-1, 13 ran. %, 3. (D looler), Tebe: £2.80, £2.40, £2.10, £3.20. DF. £38.10. CSP. £46.54. Threast £259.44. Tric £48.00. 
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With the controversy over Godolphin's creator, Sheikh Mohammed, withdrawing his horses from Cecil's stable less than a year ago, it is a contest that both sides will be particularly keen to win.

Cecil's ambitions were given a hoist yesterday when Pat Ed-

2.40: David Nicholls, whose yard could be returning to form, complicates matters by saddling four runners. Lunch Party is shortest in morning-odds lists but Dancing Sioux and PLAYMAKER are worth watching for later market moves. 

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3.40: Arabian Story eased home by 11 lengths at Ensom last time and will be tough to beat. But that was an amateur riders' event and the grey could be at false odds. WAR-BROOK, on offer at around 25-1, looks each way value. 4.10: General's Star, already a win-

ner at this distance, and Mudflap, from a stable in flying form, must be leared. PARTY ROMANCE has top weight but highly competent ap-prentice Gary Milligan takes off 7lb.

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# When, you have to wonder, will sports performers realise that there are damn sight harder ways to make a living?

Until now there has not been an opportunity to reveal the truth behind an event at the Atlanta Olympics six weeks ago that apparently touched the hearts of millions watching on

Every so often, all too frequently these days, I come across stories in sport that indicate the extent of television's pernicious influence. Sadly, the award of a gold medal to Muhammad Ali during the interval of a basketball game involving the ludicrous US Dream Team is one of

A famous act of All's monumental career is time, withered by the humiliation of being refused service turning to Louisville from the 1960

Rome Olympics, he went to a near-by bridge and cast his gold medal into the river. No sports figure, to my mind, has made a more important social statement.

A fact about the Dream Team in Atlanta is that it was what Americans call a "bust" in the television ratings. Might it not improve things, somebody at NBC suggested, if Ali was put on show to have his medal

This where it gets cynical. NBC gained the predictable support of the International Olympic Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, on the strict understanding that the stricken former heavyweight champion changed his story. He did not throw his gold medal agreed. You may think no harm was done by this, but when television starts tinkering with the truth it is time to worry.
When travelling recently through

a remote area of Spain, I came across a bar in which people were applainting a televised repeat of All's nedal ceremony. History was being altered for them.

Before making that journey a personal yow was that no attempt would be made to remain in touch with current sporting issues. This is easier said than done, but to a large extent I succeeded. It can be slightly disconcerting. I returned not tantrums tossed already by foot-



knowing that Newcastle had lost two of three Premiership games, Arsenal had paid off Bruce Rioch and Pakistan proved better than England

pears to be even wider and, as usual, clubs are grumbling about the needs of national teams.

Everywhere, of course, there is the overwhelming smell of money. We have come to accept this as a way. of life in sport, but there seemed to be some hope that common sense would prevail as rugby union took on professionalism. Instead, the game is in disarray, riven by in-ternecine strife and mindless greed. When, you have to wonder, will sports performers realise that there are damn sight harder ways to make

Anyone old enough to read this

are into now is an age when it matters more than some of us older guys

No doubt about it, someone said before last Saturday's rugby match between Saracens and Leicester, sport is hostage to its paymasters. He was thinking mainly about television. Interestingly, then, last Monday's

leaders, Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City, put out live by the Sky network, drew barely more than 17.000 spectators to Hillsborough. In the past week, I have dared to

match between the Premiership

wonder what sport will look like in the next millennium. Will it enjoy the

ballers and managers have been up to the unappetising standards of last nessed growth in the popularity of succumb to pervasive greed? By then season. The rift with referees appoint particularly football. What we gether and come to the conclusion that nothing is for ever.

The belief in progress is certainly a stimulant to achieve but it disguises from us the truth that no game guaranteed to remain as fastiionable as football is presently.

And what is this national pride people keep going on about? To my mind, nothing more ridiculous has been put forth recently in sport than the idea of playing tapes of Winston Churchill's most stirring speeches to England's cricketers. Maybe I have got this wrong, but I thought it was batting, bowling and fielding that mattered, not pumped-up patriotism.

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Leicestershire had much the bet-

ter of the second day here, they

the match as they would have

wanted. Yet, with two days left,

they have every chance of taking

Whitaker, who both made their

fourth first-class hundreds of the

season. In a stand of 167 for the

second wicket in 42 overs, it

looked as if Leicestershire

would end the day with a size-

Determined, no doubt, to

make their neighbours and

Championship contenders fight

every inch of the way, the

Nottinghamshire howling was

steady, and as far as Mark Bowen

with his fast-medium seamers

was concerned, rather more so.

Richard Bates, the 24-year-old

Nottinghamshire were let down by their catching though, for Wells, at 10, should have

been caught and bowled by

Bowen when he came firmly for-

ward to one which stopped on

pitching. Whitaker should also

driving at Andy Afford's left-

gave Leicestershire a sensible

start, putting on 61 in 23 overs

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to short mid-wicket. Wells drove

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off-spinner, also bowled well.

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the maximum 24 points. They owed most to Vince Wells and their captain, James

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Trent Bridge

Nottinghamshire 324

# Lathwell rises to occasion

Cricket

**DEREK HODGSON** reports from Taunton Derbyshire 524 Somerset 238-4

Mark Lathwell saved his first Championship century of the summer for this vital match, checking the contenders after they had made a record score. Derbyshire are still favourites on a pitch that is not improving, but Lathwell, passing 1,000 runs for a fifth consecutive season, has at least raised Somerset spirits.

When he is in this form, driving and turning, with impeccable timing, three England fast howlers, he looks the opener the selectors thought he would become when he was picked against Australia in 1993. He was given his cue by his partner Marcos Trescothick. With Derbyshire's score looming. Trescothick set about some famous names while Lathwell picked off runs at the other end. The pair had reached 76 in 18 overs when the left-handed Trescothick, who had pulled Dominic Cork for a magnificent six, followed him down the legside, with Karl Krikken taking a splendid

Lathwell made his 100 off 141 balls, including 19 fours, before stepping back to play on. Peter Bowler's excellent support ended when Andrew Harris won the second of successive lbw appeals. Harris, 1 for 17 in a spell of eight overs, was the first Derbyshire bowler to make the ball kick, at the River End, as Andrew Caddick had done on Tuesday. Glen Roberts' tidy bowling deserved a wicket. Somerset needed a lift after a

dismal morning when the field-

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from the Oval

Surrey 395 and 82-1

Northamptonshire 235

The wait has been worth it. Sur-

rey have pined for an effective

overseas player since the heady

days of Wagar Younis. Attempts

to replace the Pakistan fast

bowler have produced a string

of disappointing, but remark-

ably affable bowlers: Rudi

Bryson, Cameron Cuffy and

At last they have found their

man. Brendon Julian arrived

with a lot to prove to himself, the

Carl Rackemann.

ing vied with the bowling in ineptness. Krikken is known to be an awkward seven or eight; what was unexpected was the ability of Glen Roberts and Harris to take advantage. Krikken and Roberts added 100 in 23 overs, passing the best for the eighth wicket against Somerset, 113 in 1929.

Krikken might have been tak-en at slip, off Caddick, when 72 but added another 17 before being caught behind, swinging at Jason Kerr. Roberts reached his maiden 50, on debut, including eight fours, before being well caught at cover. And when Harris played on, the Derbyshire erset, passing the previous best of 495 for 7 in 1981. Somerset conceded 98 runs in 21 overs to the last four batsmen. Andre van Troost's injury meant they were a bowler short; they were also

6 for 88 against Glamorgan at Southampton - the best figures this century by a Hampshire player on debut. The figures of Mascarenhas, an English-born Australian of Sri Lankan parentage, compare with Charles Liewellyn's 8 for 132 against Australia in 1899. Glamorgan were 401 all out, and at the close, Hampshire were 208 behind at 193 for 2, with Jason Laney unbeaten on 102 his first Championship century. Phil Tufnell struck two late blows to boost Middlesex's chances against Lancashire at Old Trafford. Lancashire need just 130 to clinch their first home win of the season. But Tufnell trapped Jason Gallian lbw and had John Crawley caught off a top edge, both for ducks, As Richard Johnson had already trapped Steve

lacking professional pride.

Hampshire's teenage pace bowler Dmitri Mascarenhas took

Julian's perfect timing



Rapid-fire Gooch spoils Wasim's day

reports from Edgbaston Essex 238 and 113-1 Warwickshire 253

Wasim Khan, together with his Essex adversary Graham Gooch, ensured this tight match turned several more unexpected somersaults amid a quickening tempo. Warwickshire, once 65 for 5, even achieved a 15 run lead under Wasim's guidance before the game developed into a winner-take-all one-innings

After totalling a mere 150 Championship runs in the first half of the summer, Wasim has month. His latest amounted to almost half of Warwickshire's total before the balance tipped again as Gooch and Paul Gravson responded with an opening partnership of 77 in 16 overs. Gooch's own half-century was

These twists and turns did little to clarify fifth-placed Essex's title-winning prospects, though their dropping of six catches, of varying degrees of difficulty, must be a concern. Gooch put down Trevor Penney at second slip while other culits included Grayson and Neil

from 77 balls.

Wasim's century was his third in the Championship, his second

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Hamnshire v Glamorgay

County Championship

made two hundreds in the past against Durham in August hav- filment, though he treated the 22 and 38 by Dominic Ostler ing ended a year-long wait after scoring 181 against Hampshire at Southampton.

After the first-day batting struggles and more on the second morning, the pitch became flatter, though Peter Such turned the odd ball disconcertingly. It illustrated why Warwickshire had opted for two spinners, Ashley Giles and Neil Smith. All their guile will be needed today to halt the Essex charge, which contracted the game's previous pattern of collapse and recovery. Just as Warwickshire lost five first innings wickets cheaply, so had Essex. Wasim, at 25, remains a player of promise rather than ful-

Bowling: Martin 15-2-37-2; Eworthy 9.1-2-15-2; Walterson 25-2-104-4; Keedy 27-6-55-2; Green 4-0-14-0.

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half-century occupied 135 balls, his second only 90 despite the crisis around him. In all he faced 264 balls, hitting 16 fours and a six before being last out. Penney and Dougle Brown helped resuscitate Warwickshire

Essex attack with relish. His first

by sharing half-century partnerships with Wasim, though Ashley Cowan confirmed the promise he has shown this summer by dismissing all three. Essex, fast scorers during their best Championship years,

used the formula again, even with two days remaining. Gladstone Small's first-ball wide ushered in fluent strokeplay, though Gooch was dropped on

Pail: 1-76, 2-194, 3-196, 4-231. To bet: \$ Lee, 1R J Turner, J I D Kerr, A R Caddick, A P van Troost. Bourling Malcolm 19-3-64-1; DeFreites 15-2-65-0; Cork 14-5-48-1; Harris 11-4-31-1; Roberts 14-6-26-1. Unspirest; P Willey and A Clarkson.

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SURREY - First tunings (Overnight: 378 for 9) M P Bicknell not out J E Benjamin c Sales b Taylor Extras (b2, b13, nb16)

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and Tim Munton, adding further missed chances to the game's cauldron of uncertainty. If it boils down to who dares wins, it will probably be Essex. David Leatherdale (122) and Steve Rhodes (110) carried Worcestershire to 413 for 9 declared against Sussex at New Road. Sussex reduced the lead of 198 by 21 at close.

Leatherdale made his first century in two years and Rhodes' 100 was his first in the championship for three seasons. After James Kirtley and Ian Salisbury had taken three wickets in five balls, the two Yorkshiremen put on 219 in nearly four hours.

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Benyling: tiott 19-5-42-1; Williams 20-1-70-3; Irani 17-4-36-1; Cowan 16-4-437-3; Gooch 2-1-12-0; Such 16-4-43-2.

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Coven, P M Such, Bowling: Small 6-0-41-0; Munton 6-1-13-0; Brown 7-2-22-1; Smith 7-0-35-0. Umpires: A A Jones and N T Piews.

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beautifully and, when he was joined by Whitaker, runs began to come at a pleasant speed. Whitaker began with two cover drives off Bates, whom he then drove far over mid-on. A cover drive off Kevin Evans brought Wells to his 50 with his ninth four and when Whitaker reached his, driving Bates over

mid-off, it was also his minth four. Wells now turned his attention to Bates and then Bowen and, after 209 minutes at the crease, cover-drove Bowen for four to reach his hundred. At 228, he then drove Mathew Dowman low to cover having faced 183 balls and hit 19 fours.

Ben Smith played a few good strokes before being caught and bowled driving at Downsan and, two overs later, Phil Simmons chopped Bowen on to his stumps. Whitaker then reached his hundred with a single to mid-wicket off Afford and was helped in a stand of 60 by Greg MacMillan, which ended when MacMillan was bowled pushing defensively at Afford.

# Beck's mediocrity WARNING.

See tomorrows paper

Australian selectors and, most his wicket-taking. Culminating important of all, Surrey. In his in a career best 6 for 37 - his last few matches he has gone a third five wicket haul of the sealong way to convincing all three of his undoubted ability. His exson - which destroyed Northamptonshire, helped Surploits with the bat - a huge rev maintain their champibonus for Surrey - now include ouship challenge and may well have earned him at least cona couple of centuries, including one in the first innings of this sideration for next summer's game; but he was brought over tour by the Australians. from Western Australia for his He seems finally to have rid himself of a propensity to bowl an uncomfortable number of no

While amassing more than 50 championship wickets is no mean feat, what The Oval faithballs - Surrey have conceded some 599 runs through no bails ful, starved of trophies for so in first-class cricket this summer long, need is match-winning and their total of extras threatperformances with the ball. ens to pass the 1,000 for the sea-Julian's timing is impeccable. As son - exchanging them for the the pressure has mounted so has

more welcome wickets. He broke the back of the Northamptonshire innings either side of lunch, typically a lower order fightback delayed the end until Julian's return. when he applied the coup de grace by dispatching the stubborn David Ripley after a twohour vigil by the wicketkeeper for an heroic 55, Curtly Ambrose for a lot less and Paul Taylor for nothing. Ripley's and Ambrose's dismissals crowned a pleasant day for Graham Kersey. The diminutive Surrey wicketkeeper was awarded his county cap at lunchtime.

It left Northamptonshire 11 short of saving the follow-on, but wisely perhaps, Alec Stewart did not enforce it, opting instead to bat and give his attack time to recuperate and no doubt pile up a big enough lead to to ensure victory. His openers, Mark Butcher and Darren Bicknell, went a long way to achieving that with a partnership of 78, before the former departed to a sharp caught and bowled chance to

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (4pts), with eight first-raings wickets standing, are 208 runs behind Glamorgan (4). Glamorgan won toss GLAMORGAN - Pirst Impings Fast 1-1, 2-2, 3-2 To het: M A Atherton, G D Lloyd, †J J Haynes, P J Martin, S Gworthy, R J Green, G Keedy, Bowling: Johnson 2-1-1-1; Tuinell 2-1-1-2, Uppires: J W Holder and G Sharp, Overnight: 229 for 5) A D Shaw b Mascare D B Croft b Maru HAMPSHERE - First Ionings S W White c Wettin b Croft ... S Laney not out est G I Burgess and D J Constant. Lancashire v Middlesex OLD TRAFFORD: Lanceshire (Spts), with suren second-innings wickets standing, require 128 runs to best Middlesex (4). Middleser won toss MEDDLESEX - Pirat Innings 160 (P J Mar-LANCASHIRE - First Innings

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Total (ft/r 0, 13 overs) 21
To bat: K Greenfield, "A P Wells, K Newell, O R Law, 1P Moores, I D K Saltstury, V C Drakes, M Newell, R J Kirtley, Bowling: Sheriver 7-2-16-0; Ellis 5-4-2-0; Lestrardale 1-0-1-0.
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DERRICK WHYTE reports from New York

Tim Henman's run of success in the United States Open was brought to an end at Flushing Meadow as Stefan Edberg took their fourth-round match in four sets to earn a quarter-final against Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed.

Edberg beat Henman 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a three-hour match on the Stadium court at Flushing Meadow, ending the Oxford player's hopes of becoming the first British man since John Lloyd in 1984 to reach the quarter-finals.

Despite the defeat, Henman will have acquired many admirers in the match with a sustained level of top-class play, mainly from the baseline.

The opening set was very one-sided - in Edberg's favour – and it was remarkable that he did not win it. He broke Henman in the third game of the match and at 3-1 had two more break points.

the habit of getting his first serve in on the big points, and he held on to narrow the gap to 3-2 That win proved crucial at 5-4, when Edberg played a bad game as he served for the set. In the tie-break, which Henman took 7-2, the Swede never recovered from dropping the first four points.

The second set started with a flurry of break points - 14 in the first five games, eight to Henman, six to Edberg - but neither player could convert. From then on the serve took over, and the second set also went to the tie-break, which Edberg won, causing Henman to lose his first set of the tourna-

Henman admitted after the match that the second set had been a turning point. "I think nals. in the second he had the majority of the chances, but then if I had taken one of the break points in the first game of it against Seles, said optimistically, maybe the momentum would Martinez fought off three sethave really swung my way."

much with serve, it was always the Swede who looked to have the better chance of breaking. Henman saved a break point at 2-2, but at 4-4 Edberg broke and served out the set.

The decisive moment came at the same point of the fourth set, but not before Henman had staged something of a fightback after dropping his serve in the first game.

He broke back for 2-2 with some inspired groundstrokes, but after holding his next service game he needed treatment on the left thigh muscle that had been strapped for two matches.

Although he said it did not affect the outcome, he struggled after that, held serve just once more, and effectively conceded defeat in the ninth game, which Edberg broke to love.

A philosophical Henman added: "I still think I can reflect on a very good tournament, another positive step in my career. Stefan's obviously at the end of his and hopefully I'm at the beginning of mine."

In another fourth-round But Henman is developing match, Pete Sampras, the holder, took the sting out of Mark Philippoussis' serve, blocking back anything he could reach, to knock out the aggressive Australian.

Sampras lost the duel of aces 17-11 but won the match 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 with a masterful performance in every other phase of the game. "When you're going against a 134mph serve. you'd better have your game face on, "Sampras said. "His service is so hard, you almost have to guess. You hope you get that one break-point.

In the women's quarter-finals, Monica Seles took just 48 minutes to crush Amanda Coetzer 6-0, 6-3. Seles now faces Spain's Conchita Martinez, the No 4 seed, and the player she defeated in last year's semi-fi-

"I don't think she's unbeatable at all," Martinez, who has lost all eight of her matches points in a first-set tie-break. After that Edberg took over. then cruised to a 7-6 6-0 victo-



Although the third set went very ver America's Linda Wild. Pete Sampras hits form during his straight-sets win over Australia's Mark Philippoussis in the US Open in New York

### **Graf tax** trial to start today

Steffi Graf's father and adviser, Peter Graf, goes on trial for tax evasion in the south-west German town of Mannheim today, facing a possible 10-year prison sentence if convicted.

Peter Graf, 58, and the family tax adviser, Joachim Eckardt, have been charged with evading taxes of DM19m (£8.17m) - just under half Steffi Graf's earnings between 1989 and 1993.

The world No 1 is herself still under investigation and has been questioned several times. Eckardr's lawyer said on Tuesday that he would call her as a

The case seems not to have disturbed her too much - she has won three Grand Slam titles in the 13 months since her father was taken into custody. However, she has often been

reduced to tears by intense media pressure in the last year. Last week she said she thought about skipping the defence of her US Open title in New York because of the trial. Taken into custody last Au-

gust because prosecutors feared he would flee the country or distort evidence, Peter Graf is said to be in poor health and he faces a charge sheet running to

237 pages.

Exacerbating the humiliation for him has been a deluge of media reports detailing his alleged weaknesses for alcohol, pills and women. Steffi, whom her father began

coaching when she was just four, says she made her father responsible for her financial affairs from the start of her career and took little interest in her own income.

Prosecutors say they have no reason to detain her and also bave no plans to call her as a witness for the trial, expected to be spread over 30 court dates through the end of this year.

Attorneys for Eckardt, who has been in jail since last September criticise the prosecution for its decision not to put her in the stand, and say a fair trial is inconceivable without her testimony.

Ironically, Graf is one of the few top-earning German sports stars not to have fled abroad from Germany's high taxes. She and her father could have been spared the humiliation had they followed Boris Becker or Michael Schumacher to Mona-Photograph: Reuters co or Switzerland.

## King tempts Lewis with Tyson payday Johnson's record marking time

Don King claimed yesterday that Lennox Lewis will fight Mike Tyson for the heavyweight championship in Las Vegas next year.

Tyson's challenge for the World Boxing Association title held by Saturday, is adamant the fight interested in discussing himself

ext year.

King who is promoting cept that challenge," King said.

Tyson, however, is in no

Bruce Seldon at the MGM fights. He told a press confer-Grand Garden in Las Vegas on ence on Tuesday that he was not

Tyson. We're saying he can take home \$16m even if he los-

mood to talk about future

will happen despite the Tyson and Lewis camps being locked in dispute over the terms.

"We're saying to Lewis he can have \$16m (£10.2m) to fight

"We're saying to Lewis he can don't know him at all. I'll just the best of t do my job, I'll take him out."

How long does Tyson want to continue boxing? "I enjoy fight-ing, I don't enjoy the training," he said. "I fight for my children. When [retirement] happens, I'll just say: 'Forget it."

on a rape conviction before being released in March 1995, must get permission to travel. He has homes at Southington,

Colin McMillan, the former Tyson was more talkative featherweight champion and about his life outside the ring. secretary of the Professional

Ohio, and Las Vegas.

tor at York Hall, Bethnal

Green, in east London. McMillan stopped Ndlovu after one minute 40 seconds of the seventh round, showing the sharp skills and slick moves of World Boxing Organisation old. The current WBO champion, Naseem Hamed, is at the top of his "hit list".

The double Olympic gold medal-list, Michael Johnson, believes his 200m world record can be broken - but not this century.

The American, who reduced his own world mark of 19.66sec to 19.32sec at the Atlanta Games last month, said he did not know of anyone likely to better it although that could change by the Sydney Games in 2000.

prove it but I think it will be very event she won in 1992, when it difficult," he said in Milan before the Grand Prix athletics finals on Saturday, "I think it could only happen in a competition like the Olympics, where

there is an extra incentive." unhappy Olympic marathon, will seek consolation at the World Half-marathon Championships in Palma, Majorca, on 29 September. The 32-year-old

"Of course it's possible to im- Scot leads Britain's team in an

McColgan went into the Atlanta race with a swollen heel, and finished 16th. Her first race back will be the BUPA Great North Run, also a half-marathon, Liz McColgan, who had an on Tyneside on 15 September. Om Aytiestice on to September.
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### FOOTBALL RESULTS

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Tuesday's late results NUMERICA PROPERTY LEAGUE First Division: Manchester City 2 Chariton 1. NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEARNIE FINE UNIVERSITY MANCHESTER CITY 2 Charlton 1.

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### SRU to stand firm on exiles' contracts

Rugby Union

Scottish Rugby Union officials are refusing to bow to pressure from players based outside Scotland, who want an increase in the amount of money on offer from contracts.

The leading 44 home-based Scotland players were offered full-time contracts by the SRU at the end of last week. It is understood that the amounts of money on offer are on a threetier scale with the top players on £50,000, the middle group earning £30,000 and the third level receiving £20,000. Twelve Scottish exiles were simultaneously offered a different contract worth much less financially.

The SRU contracts negotiator, Ken Crichton, said: "We are offering contracts to players on the basis of them becoming employees of the Scottish Rugby Union. That means that, as in any other occupation, employees would be expected to turn up, in this case at Murrayfield, five days a week. It involves training and coaching sessions at Mur-rayfield in addition to promotional work. These players will be released to play for their clubs in approved games. At the moment these 'approved' games are

league and cup matches. Clearly the exile players could not fulfil such a contract of employment and that is the real reason that we are offering them different contracts."

American footbali Tests on Emmitt Smith found no seri-ous damage after the Dallas Cowboys running back was injured on Monday night with four minutes to go in the 22-6 defeat at the Chicago Bears when he dived across the scrimmage line as a decoy and landed awkwardly.

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Alex Marshall, of Scotland, has been informed by the World Indoor Bowls Coun-cil that he will not be partnering fellow Scot Richard Corsle in the pairs event at the World Indoor Championships at Preston in January, even though they rrestor in January, even tribugh they are the only pair to have won both the world indoor and outdoor titles. DOUBLE CENTURY ENGLISH WOMEN'S CHARPIONSHIPS [Learnington Spe) Triples guarter-finals: Odord City and County by Carlisle Eden 29-7; Swindon Westlecot by

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Cricket

Phil Neale, the Warwickshire manager, is to manage England's under 19 tour to Pakistan this writer. The appointment signals Neale's return to the International scene two years after he managed the England A tour to India. Dennis Silk, the outgoing chairman of the lest and Cricket County Board, said yesterday that the Ray Bingworth affair had proved that English Cricket's daciplinary procedures needed an over-haul. Silk, delighted that Illingworth had won his appeal, called on the Board to give Gerard Elias QC, the Glamorgan vice-chairman, its current discipline committee chairman, the power to put in place a new disciplinary system.

Feblano Fontanelli and Frenco Ballerinl, of Italy, have been banned for drugs offences. Fortanelli received a six-month ban after testing positive for an excessive testosterone-epitestosterone ratio during the Amstel Gold Race on 27 April. Ballerini was given a 20-day suspen-sion for testing positive for ephedrine in the Grand Prix of Wallonia on 16 May.

Football Barry Town, the League of Wales club, have been given the go-shead to stage the home leg of their Uefa Cup first-round tie against Aberdeen at their own Jenner Park ground on Tuesday, 24 September. Police, fire and safety officials have allowed them to instalt an additional 3,500 seets to take the dround. tional 3,500 seats to take the ground capacity up to 6,500.

### SPORTING DIGEST

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Olympic Games

A survey of 1,100 Swedes found opposition to their nation hosting the Olympic Games in 2004 jumped to 52 per cent in late August after witnessing the bomb blast and organisational chaos which affected the Atlanta Games. Before Atlanta only one in three Swedes were opposed to their capital staging the event in eight years time. An International Olympic Committee party is to visit Stockholm this morath to assess the city's bld. The other bidders are Athens, Rome, Cape Town, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville, St Petersburg, Lille and Istanbul.

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ZETTERS Trable chance: 24pts £1,509.20. 23 £10.30. 22 £1.25. 21 £0.30. BRITTENS Trable chance: 24pts £580.35. 22 £6.75. 22 £0.90. Rugby Union

Sale have appointed Howard Thomas, a marketing expert, as their chief ex-ecutive in succession to Brian William

TODAY'S FIXTURES Football

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v Derby (7.0); Notingham Forest v Trammère
(7.0); First Division: Port Vale v Middlestrough
(7.0); Sheffield Utd v Aston Villa (7.0).

Speedway 7.30 unless stated PREMIER LEAGUE: London v Hud; Middles-brough v Long Estor; Sheffield v Ipswich (7.45).

Other sports EQUESTRIANCEM: Burghley Horse Thats Courage League One club yesterday. Wilkinson held the dual roles of chief executive and director of rugby before the club's sudden decision to dispense with his services. Richard Trickey, the Club president, was appointed as the new director of rugby and he will be assisted by the former England captain, Stave Smith.

from Saracens for the back-row forward, Owain Williams.

Cardiff have turned down an approach

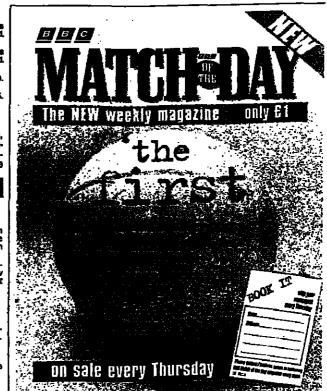
Mike Lennon, the defending champion, took the lead on the first day of the MDL Meiges 24 National Championship at Bridnam, scoring two firsts and a sixth. Second was the new 470 Olympic silver medallist John Merricks, with the for-mer Whithread skipper, Mett Humphries,

Mark Turner in England 1 was declared winner of the third leg of the Teacher's Round Britain Challenge from Oben to Newcastle-Upon-Tyne when it was

was Paul Jeffes for Scotland, with Jean-Philipps Saliou third for France.

US OPEN (New York) Ments singles fourth rounds S Edberg (Swe) bt T Herman (GB) 6-7 7-6 6-4 6-4; P SAMPRAS (US) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-3 6-3 6-4. Women's singles quarterfinals: M SELES (US) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-0 6-3; S GRAF (Gerl bt. J Wiesner (Aut) 7-5 6-3. Masters Mixed doubles first round: W Tumbul (Aus) and T Older (Neth) bt V Wade (GB) and C Pasarell (US) 6-3 6-1. Boys' singles second round (selected): S Grossean (Pr) bt A Parmar (GB) 6-2 6-2.

Boys' doubles (selected): M Lee and A Per-mer (GB) bt M HELLSTROM and B RCHN-QUIST (Swe) 4-8 6-3 7-6. Girls' doubles (selected): A JENSEN (Aus) and K ROUBANOVA (GB) bt S Kovacc and J Wohr (Ger) 4-6 7-6 6-4.



# England players stand by their rebellious clubs

DAVID LLEWELLWYN

England's players and English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, the body now representing the top 24 clubs in the country, are united - that much is official and clear - in their ball Union, formerly known as

the game's governing body.

After a meeting of 42 of the 43 England squad players, who

national training session of the season, with Epruc at a hotel near Heathrow Airport, a joint statement left Twickenham in no doubt of the solidarity shown by the two parties.

However, it was not made clear just how this solidarity would manifest itself. After stand against the Rugby Foot- more than 90 minutes, this think tank of professional rugby pro-duced the following statement: The England rugby squad of 43

heard their proposals, the England squad believe that the best way forward for the game is to agree in principle with their vision for the future. Epruc and the players have agreed to form a joint team to take this out our position."

rapidly forward." No one would explain anymore than that. Most of the play-

uled meeting today. Having nothing But prior to the get-to- mean business and calling the gether, the Northampton cap-tain, Tim Rodber, said: "We are being used as pawns. We would rather be playing or training. But there is so much going on that this meeting is necessary, to find

Clearly there are plans to build an infrastructure from which this Epruc-players comers slipped discreetly out of bine will be able to set up doside and back doors in an effort mestic and European club the players as "a negotiating to sidestep the media scrum. competition and, eventually,

the part of Eproc, which represents the top 24 clubs. The first England contracts expired at the weekend and Epruc seized the initiative to embarrass the RFU following the announcement of its breakaway last week.

Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, expressed "disappointment" that the clubs had used tool". He also pointed out that

to generate its own revenue without the help of the RFU. "We do not believe that they can match what can be done if we work together," he said.

Derek Morgan, the chairman of the RFU's National Playing committee, said: "We greatly regret the absence of the players. No action will be taken against them. Unfortunately the players are caught in a situation not of their making. I cannot believe that anyone would willingly not

had boycotted yesterday's first for Epruc by attending a sched. Those who did emerge said international matches. They if Epruc break away it will have want to be involved with an that means turning up at a sestention for England."

Only one squad member was not at the meeting. Coventry's Robin Hardwick dutifully drove to Bisham Abbey to be confronted by the England coaching and management team, an empty pitch, no players and no real idea of what was going on. Hardwick, who has made 10 England A appearances, said: "I want to play for England. If

England squad or ultimately to sion when I'm invited, I turn up. rule themselves out of con- I had no instruction from Epruc or anyone else not to to turn up. I had a letter from England asking to attend and I had a phone call from Twickenham yesterday [Tuesday] saying that the session was on. I don't really understand what is going on. I just hope they get the whole thing sorted out." That is the heartfelt plea of a nation of rugby followers.

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# Wilkins shocks Wright

Football

**ANDREW MARTIN** 

A fresh twist to the news that Ray Wilkins' two-year reign as Oueen's Park Rangers playermanager had come to an end emerged last night when the club's new owner. Chris Wright. revealed that the former England captain had quit.

A statement released by the club earlier yesterday stated that Wilkins left "by mutual con-sent" following "lengthy dis-cussions" with Wright and the chief executive, Clive Berlin.

However, Wright claims he was "shocked and surprised" at Wilkins' decision. He said: "Ray's a nice and genumely caring person and he thought that for the benefit of himself and for the club it would be better to take the opportunity to hand over to someone else. There were no bad feelings. But having got over the shock of it we have to move on.

Wilkins had said after Sunday's home defeat by Bolton that he was due to attend his first board meeting since season. He has had an uneasy Wright, a music-publishing relationship with the manager, striving to keep the coveted winger Trevor Sinclair at Loftus Road, even joked that this could mean bad news.

Wright, however, speaking on QPR Clubcall, said: "I thought we had a good meeting. Ray left with a clear mandate of which players he wanted to bring to the club, so I was shocked when he said he wanted to discuss the possibility of leaving.

"I was shocked and surprised at Ray's decision. It's very distressing but we have to deal with it and we will deal with it. We need to get the right man in to bring in the right players to take the club forward."

Nottingham Forest have played down reports that their manager, Frank Clark, is at the centre of a new inquiry into the activities of the agent. Rune month worldwide suspension.

**ACROSS** 

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Lawyer's back (8)

ridicule (6)

Hauge. Norwegian police are believed to have made a request to the Home Office to interview Clark over the transfer of Alf inge Haland to Forest.

The assistant manager, Alan Hill, said: "We don't know what all the fuss is about. We co-operated with the Norwegian police when they came over to make inquiries about the transfer and they were happy the entire deal had been done before Frank took over as manager.

Hauge has been charged with serious fraud over the transfers of Haland to Forest and Pal Lydersen to Arsenal.

Wimbledon's owner, Sam Hammam, has confirmed that Dean Holdsworth has submitted a written transfer request. Yet the striker, valued at £4m but dropped for last Monday's 1-0 defeat at Leeds, remains in favour with Hammam, who added: "We still love him." He refused to say whether the request had been accepted.

Holdsworth, 26, joined Wimbledon for £750,000 from Brentford four years ago and scored 16 goals in all competitions last magnate, bought the club for Roy Kinnear, for a while now around £10m at the start of the and several times over the last season. Wilkins, who has been two seasons has appeared on the point of being sold.

One club that had shown an interest in signing Holdsworth, Manchester United, had their European Cup ambitions bolstered by the news that Eric Cantona will be available for their opening Champions' League tie against Juventus in Turin next week. United had expected to be without the Frenchman, as he was booked in a Champions' League game against Gothenburg in November 1994 and was facing a one-match ban, which was due to be enforced next Wednesday.

However, Uefa, the European governing body, confirmed that the ban no longer counts as Cantona missed last season's Uefa Cup tie against Rotor Volgograd while serving his eight-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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Relegation to resignation: Ray Wilkins, who yesterday quit as Queen's Park Rangers' manager Photograph: Dale Cherry

# Atletico turf out the worms

**ELIZABETH NASH** 

reports from Madrid

Atletico Madrid, forced to play their first league match of the season on the pitch of their arch-rivals Real Madrid because their own had been destroyed by worms. will play their first match of the Champ-

ions' League on French turf. Uefa, football's European governing body, has insisted that next Wednesday's match against Steaua Bucarest must be played at Atletico's Vicente Calderon ground, since press

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the bank (6)

Santiago Bernabeu stadium fall ground met their requirements short of European requirements. So Spain's cup and league double winners have to replant their entire pitch with special grass imported from

Bordeaux. Faced with Uefa's ultimatum, Atletico hired two Californian grass experts who supervised the United States pitches during the World Cup finals, and who reckon the ravaged pitch can be restored in time. Their emergency solution is to transplant turf from France, which they say is of the right kind to correct the damage inflicted by a plague of worms that chomped through Atletico's reseeded pitch last

The operation must be concluded by Sunday, since the newly laid grass has to rest three days before withstanding the imprint of a footballer's

Atletico's owner, Jesus Gil y

and security facilities at Real's Gil, said: "Uefa told us that our Cup winner Diego Maradona, and Real's didn't, and that we "It's like a dream, I could stay had to play the Champions' here all night," said Almeyda of League there." The decision

the supporters' welcome. Almeyda, 22, played a promi-nent part in helping Argentina to win a silver medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games and is a regular at full international

week, Atletico's players gouged up huge wedges of the pitch. The coach, Radomir Antic, pro-Rangers' forgotten man, Neil Murray, is being lined up for a move to the Cypriot side, Apoel nonnced the terrain unplayable, and expected it to be out of ac-Nicosia. The out-of-contract midfielder is wanted by Apoel who can sign him from Ibrox on Matias Almeyda, the Argena free transfer under the Bostine international defender, began training with his Seville

Murray is recovering from a minor knee operation and should be fit in a fortnight. Apoel are willing to wait but will need an answer soon afterwards. The home-grown Rangers product knows he has little chance of making the first team and could be ready to try

## Dundee in safe hands

with nothing to complain about,

Kirkwood, was not so happy,

their team-mates down. Every

one of them placed pressures on

their team-mates at some point

Cola Cup holders, survived a

scare in an incredible match at

Cappielow against Allan Mc-

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Billy Dodds scored twice to

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The United manager, Billy

My players let themselves and

but that was one of them."

was "the best for everyone," he

said, and thanked Real for of-

cente Calderon stadium last

team mates vesterday and looks

set to make his debut in Sun-

day's home game against Real

The former River Plate play-

was received on Tuesday by

12,000 Seville fans in an at-

mosphere of euphoria similar to that surrounding the arrival of

another Argentine, the World

In training sessions at the Vi-

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tion for weeks.

Zaragoza.

Billy Thomson was a Dark Blue hero on Tayside yesterday after guiding Dundee into the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals at the expense of his old club, Dundee United. Hearts and Aberdeen also joined in the last eight despite enduring extra-time on Tuesday night at St Johnstone and Morton respectively.

The veteran goalkeeper Thomson, 38, saved twice in a penalty shoot-out at Tannadice as Jim Duffy's First Division side knocked out their Premier Division neighbours. United led through Owen Coyle but Jim Hamilton scored twice, once from the spot, before Gary Mc-Swegan's equaliser ensured a shoot-out in a tie that was deadlocked at 1-1 after 90 minutes and 2-2 after extra-time.

have the Dons apparently coasting until the referee, Mike Mc-"I'll get the credit for saving Curry, awarded Morton a two in the shoot-out but I hold my hands up over the first goal, Anderson equalised, Lilley fired I sold that one," admitted Thomson, who blocked penalthe underdogs ahead. ties from Coyle and McSwegan. blushes to score his hat-trick

While Duffy singled out Thomson for special mention following the former United man's vital saves in the shoot-

Albens Road, Warford

out, he was not prepared to miss out any of his entire side. Roy Aitken's men safely "Everyone was a real hero," he said. There are very few games in which a manager emerges

Hearts edged through in Perth with a 3-1 win after extratime against St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park.

Colin Cameron and George O'Boyle traded goals before Darren Beckford and John Robertson put Hearts into the last eight. Robertson needed six stitches inserted in a head wound after being taken off on a stretcher during extra-time.

Hibernian eased the pressure on their manager, Alex Miller, as they came through against the Third Division leaders, Albion Rovers, at Cliftonhill.

Keith Wright put the Premier Division visitors ahead at Coatbridge after 18 minutes and a spectacular second-half effort controversial penalty. Derek from the midfielder Pat McGinlay wrapped up victory for the Easter Road outfit.

Partick Thistle also went through to the quarter-finals thanks to a 1-0 win over the cup specialists, Airdrie, at Firhill Park. Gareth Evans scored the

belonged to Dean Windass, vital goal in the first-half. OPublished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, I Canada Square. Canary Wharf, London E14 SDL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print. St Back issues available from Historic Newspapers, 01988 840370.

# City fear for Hiley after knee injury

Manchester City's Scott Hiley was taken to hospital yesterday amid fears of a career-threatening cruciate ligament injury. Hiley went to see City's specialist about the knee injury he picked up in Tuesday's 2-1 win over Charlton Athletic.

City will check the results today but the forecast is gloomy for the full-back who has just recovered from a similar problem. He twisted his knee on the lush grass and is unlikely to figure again in this season's promotion campaign.

More bad news for City in-

volved the centre-half Alan Kernaghan, who will be absent for a month with cartilage trouble. Asa Hartford, the caretaker manager, is now on the look-out for a couple of loan signings for the club - with his job possibly at stake. City want to keep Hartford in charge and improve his contract by doubling his wages, but the final de-cision will be delayed until after the next two games against Barnsley and Port Vale.

Kit Symons believes that City's luck may be on the turn for the better. The Maine Road captain admitted that City were fortunate to score twice in the last eight minutes against Charlton. Symons claimed that the turnoil of the last nine days since Alan Ball's departure has done little to help the club in their bid to regain their Prem-

iership status. What has gone on at the club hasn't helped us, and against Charlton we looked very nervous," said Symons, who was installed as captain during the summer when Keith Curle was transferred to Wolves. But he added: "We are professionals and have got to just get on with it, and maybe luck is starting to go our way now and we have turned the

corner. When you are not play-

tling away. That's what we did against Charlton and we dug out 🤾 a result from somewhere.

Uwe Rösier's penalty and Genry Creaney's brilliant free-kick lifted City into the top 10 after a week when the club were making all the headlines off the pitch. Symons, a Ball signing year ago, said: "I know a lot has been said about the penalty decision which got us back in it, but we've had plenty like that go against us in the past so we were due that one and perhaps

Now we can look forward to playing Barnsley, who are unbeaten and will be full of confidence from the way they bave started the campaign. But we know that if we play as we can do, and if the crowd keep getting behind us, then we shouldn't be worried about anyone in this division."

West Ham have pinned a "not for sale" sign on Slaven Bilic in response to claims that their London rivals Tottenham have made a £2.5m bid for the Croatian centre-half.

Peter Storrie, the West Ham managing director, said: "If you have world-class players there will constantly be inquiries and, yes, we have had one for Slaven. But I can't say which club it is and anyway, we have turned it down. If Slaven left it would have to be on the basis that we wanted to let him go, and that is not the situation

The Leicester manager Martin O'Neill is tracking Bradford's Dutch sweeper, Marco Sas. O'Neill watched the former Ajax prospect in action in midweek and thinks he would be ideal for the system he is using. Sas joined Bradford from NAC Breda on a free transfer in the summer but Chris Kamara now wants £1m for the defender.

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